

Hattersley firm on dismissal of racist police

By Richard Evans

Mr Roy Hattersley MP last night defended his promise to dismiss policemen found guilty of racism if he decided to do so.

Mr Hattersley said: "We are not condoning racial discrimination, but we insist that the existing discipline code is effective for dealing with complaints of this kind."

Chief Supt John Keyte, national secretary of the Police Superintendents' Association, yesterday called the pledge frightening and said there was no justification for one group of workers to have a fixed penalty of dismissal hanging over their heads.

Mr Jim Jardine, chairman of the Police Federation, which represented junior and middle-ranking officers, said he was in total disagreement with Mr Hattersley and welcomed the firm stand by the superintendents' organization.

Mr Hattersley, the shadow Home Secretary, said in a speech at the weekend that if he held office a police officer found guilty of racialist behaviour "will be a police officer no longer."

Last night he added: "I would have thought the police would have agreed with the views expressed by myself and Lord Scarman that the dismissal of officers found guilty of racism is crucial to improving the relationship between them and ethnic minorities in this country."

Mr Keyte said: "The police service is united in its desire to rid itself of officers who are guilty of racism and we do this under the existing discipline code."

The position of Home Secretary carried a duty and responsibility to act as the final appeal court against either a guilty finding or sentence under the discipline code. To commence a duty with such strong convictions.

Island sold for £30,000

A Cardiff college principal Mrs Meir Llewellyn, aged 39 was told yesterday that her bid of just over £30,000 had brought her the ownership of the 14 acre Sully Island 500 yards from the mainland, near Cardiff.

As she and the students at her private careers college celebrated with champagne, she revealed plans for a £250,000 health farm on the island.

Third child dies after house fire

A third child has died after the fire which swept through a council house in Durham on Monday. Paul Grainger, aged 10 months, died at Middlesbrough General Hospital early today.

His brother Gary, aged five died in the fire at the family home in Cumberland Place, Newton Aycliffe, and his sister Kathy, aged two, died soon afterwards.

Action over cars on pavements

Motorists who park on the pavement in central London could face prosecution and a bill for damages this summer. Westminster City Council has decided to enforce the law which makes it an offence to drive on to pedestrian areas.

The council said damaged pavements were a big problem, especially for the blind, handicapped and parents with pushchairs.

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Electricity men get wage claim warning

By Donald Macintyre

The Central Electricity Generating Board has warned its 60,000 industrial and white-collar employees that continued wage settlements at the level of the past few years will endanger the industry's future.

Mr John Baker, the board's commercial member, has told the industry's national house newspaper *Power News* that "excessive pay settlements this year can only worsen the board's position to the detriment of our staff". His comments may be seen by unions officials as an attempt to influence the course of the present ballot among 35,000 manual workers on an 8.5 per cent offer.

The board, however, appears more seriously concerned about the possible effects of a confrontation with its 25,000 power engineers who are dismayed about what they say is the erosion of differentials over their manual colleagues.

Mr John Lyons, general secretary of the Electrical Power Engineers' Association, told his union's conference earlier this month that industrial action was "very possibly unavoidable" if the Electricity Council, the employers' negotiating body, failed to improve differentials.

Mr Baker says in his interview that over the last five years average earnings in the industry have risen more than prices and electricity costs, while the working week has been cut to 37 hours.

Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, yesterday promised backing for Kent miners in their fight to keep open the threatened Sowerby colliery.

Mr Tom McGee, the union's mining engineer, is to undertake an "appraisal" of the colliery with the aim of producing a plan to maintain at least 700 of the 850 jobs at the pit.

Union leaders representing the country's 17,000 ambulancemen rejected, expected, a pay offer worth 5 per cent for this year.

The ambulancemen will be asked to join industrial action called by the Confederation of Health Service Employees and recommended by the National Union of Public Employees. The offer is 4 per cent plus £1.3m for transferring ambulancemen to "salariat" status.

Daily Mail members of the National Union of Journalists have accepted a pay deal said by management to yield increases of between 5 and 7 per cent plus an extra week's holiday. Executives had to produce last Friday's issue because of 24-hour mandatory meetings of NUJ members in London and Manchester.

About 140 BBC journalists employed at Lime Grove, Shepherd's Bush, West London, on current affairs programmes, yesterday joined 100 colleagues in television news in a work-to-rule over pay and conditions (a Staff Reporter writes).

They say that unless they are granted urgent talks with the management, programmes like *Nationwide* will be off the air within a week, and the BBC's plans for breakfast television threatened.

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Mr George Howard, chairman of the BBC, with Miss Clair Bloom at the reception before a Foyle's luncheon yesterday in honour of Miss Bloom, whose autobiography was published recently.

Anger over command bunker on trust land

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

The National Trust has decided to allow the Ministry of Defence to build an underground bunker on its land, to house the main communications centre for the air defence of the United Kingdom. The decision has plunged the trust into deep internal controversy, with some members calling for a special meeting to have the decision reversed.

The trust declined to comment yesterday about its long bargaining with the ministry but it is understood to be ready to sign a lease with strict conditions. These are thought to involve access for lorries during building and restoration of the steep Chiltern landscape, once construction has finished.

The bunker, which will be covered by a mound 30ft high, will replace the 40-year-old underground communications centre at nearby RAF High Wycombe. The new unit will provide a command headquarters for RAF Strike Command and for the Nato commander of United Kingdom air forces.

Embarrassed leaders of the National Trust face two criticisms of its willingness to accept the bunker in a field on the edge of the 1,100-acre Bradenham estate which was acquired 25 years ago.

Some of its million members consider the move to be a political alignment of the trust with Nato's nuclear defence policy. Others fear that it will weaken the protection of the trust. The trust was given the Bradenham estate on condition that it applied its unique power to make it impossible to sell or split it without the permission of Parliament.

The trust has since disclosed that it would have preferred not to give full protection to parts of the estate, including the field where the bunker will be built.

It is satisfied that the fear of conservationist about the environmental impact of the hole needed for the bunker are unjustified. The water table is far deeper than the hole at 85 metres, so that pumping out will not be necessary.

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Video copies cause loss of £750,000

Five leading film and video companies have lost £750,000 through an operation based around a video counterfeiting factory, the High Court was told yesterday.

The factory, above a betting shop in Northampton, contained 46 recorders producing copies of films such as *Superman*, *10*, and *Water-ship Down*, Mr Robin Jacob, QC, told the court. They were sold under a court order by the companies' agents.

In what is thought to be the biggest case of alleged video piracy so far, more than a dozen individuals and companies have been bound by a variety of undertakings and court orders granted over the last fortnight not to continue their operations or remove any assets.

New orders were made by Mr Justice Whitford yesterday, who also ordered a company of distributors to disclose details of tape sales, worth £104,000, to the operation.

The companies bringing the action are all members of the British Videogram Association, which claims that more than half the pirated video tapes sold in Britain are pirated.

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Science report

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By the staff of "Nature"

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Noel Gale of the Department of Geology and Mineralogy and his wife Zofia Stos-Gale of the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, have developed a technique which makes use of the so-called "isotopic composition" of the lead tracing.

Copper ores from different mines have different isotopic compositions, so an investigator can distinguish which mine produced the metal contained in a particular object.

"Isotopic compositions" are an advance on previous methods of trace metal analysis because they are unaffected by chemical treatment, such as the smelting which reduces an ore to the metal.

Isotopes are atoms of exactly the same chemical nature, but slightly different weights (they have differing numbers of neutrons in the atomic nucleus). These weights can be distinguished by modern techniques, but were all treated alike by ancient technology.

Previously the Gales have worked with Aegean silver, which contains large lead impurities, and have shown that much of it came from a single mine, Laurion in Attica. The dominance of the Laurion silver mine in classical times was known from historical evidence, but it was a surprise to find that it also played a major role much earlier.

But a greater surprise has come with the Gales work on copper and bronze (which is technically more difficult as the lead content is much smaller). They find that of 22 Aegean artefacts analysed, half also came from Laurion.

It was previously unknown that Laurion played a great role in copper production as well as in silver.

The great prize now, however, must be the analysis of the ox-hide ingots of copper, which are found in Cyprus, Crete, Sicily and Sardinia, and are also seen in Egyptian tomb paintings. These represented a major Bronze Age trade in metal; but there is still great controversy over the origin and movement of the ingots.

Applied to them, the Oxford isotopic method may produce yet more archaeological surprises.

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Prince to be again

The Prince of Wales is to make two more visits to the United Kingdom, it was announced yesterday.

The Prince's first visit will be to the north of England, where he will be accompanied by the Duchess of Cornwall.

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The Prince's eleventh visit will be to the west of England, where he will be accompanied by the Duchess of Cornwall.

The Prince's twelfth visit will be to the east of England, where he will be accompanied by the Duchess of Cornwall.

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Kind neighbours helped on a rota basis, and meals on wheels came three times a week. But for the rest Florrie had to cope for months until finally a place in a residential home was found for her. Others in similar great need aren't so lucky. Struggling with disability they have also had to struggle at the very time when life should be a little easier.

Frail old people like this deserve something better. This is why Help the Aged's work so badly needs more funds — to provide more flats, medical aid, day centres for the lonely, minibuses for volunteer transport for the housebound.

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Tory 'money back' pledge to voters

If the Conservatives regain power in Manchester at the city council elections next month, every ratepayer will be given a rate cut of 10 per cent, the party promised yesterday (our Manchester Correspondent writes).

Councillor Cecil Franks, leader of the Conservative group, said his party was committed to reversing the rate increase introduced this month by the controlling Labour group. The Tories' election slogan would be: "Vote Conservative and get your money back."

The money would be found by halving the council's planned capital spending programme and speeding up sales. About 7,000 people wanted to buy their council homes.

The Conservatives also

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promise to close three big council departments — planning, architecture and estates — and pass to the private sector the management of property, houses, land, street cleaning and refuse services. They believe that private enterprise will be cheaper and provide a better service.

"We are not seeking a confrontation with the trade unions," Councillor Franks said, "but if it comes, we will not shrink from it."

London electors were yesterday exhorted to vote for Labour councillors as people who would protect and develop

schools and colleges, (David Walker writes).

Mr Neil Kinnock MP, the Labour Party's education spokesman, told a press conference that "in spite of severe cuts, the Labour-controlled outer London authorities have managed to sustain levels of educational provision better than their Tory counterparts."

He quoted comparative figures showing that most of the London education authorities controlled by Labour employed more teachers; provided more nursery classes; and supplied free milk to younger children after the Government stopped subsidizing it.

Private employers should urge their employees to vote in the municipal elections

only for those candidates pledged to a wholesale reform of the rating system that will give business people some voice in local authority affairs, Mr Walter Goldsmith, director general of the Institute of Directors, said.

The Scottish National Party will have more candidates than the Liberal-SDP Alliance, and only one fewer than the Conservatives, at Scottish regional elections, (The Press Association reports).

Returns show that there will be 1,309 candidates for the 410 contested seats for 12 regional and islands authorities. Another 110 candidates have been returned unopposed.

For both England and Scotland the total of candidates for contested seats is 15,690.

Lothian: Rates loom large in cliff-hanger

From Jonathan Wills, Edinburgh

"No, I don't think it will be more bitter than usual," Councillor John Mulvey says, surveying the battlefield for the Lothian Regional Council elections on May 6. Mr Mulvey should know. He is secretary of the Labour group which is defending a majority of one seat.

Disputes with central Government culminated last year in a £30m cut in rate support grant, imposed by the Secretary of State for Scotland as a punishment for "excessive and unreasonable" council spending which had led to a 250 per cent rates increase over four

years. Lothian's Labour administration, battered by internal disputes on tactics over the cuts, is nonetheless confident that it will be returned with an increased majority to confound the Government and vindicate the council's policy of high spending on areas of social need.

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Others are not so sure. The election has been called a cliff-hanger and there are predictions that the Social Democratic Party/Liberal Alliance will hold the balance of power.

The SDP has one seat, held by Mr Peter Wilson, a prominent Labour defector. With the help of the Liberals, the Alliance now has an impressive organization but it needs to make a big breakthrough to get more than half a dozen councillors. In a contest dominated by local issues, the national appeal of the Alliance after Hillhead may not be quite enough.

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The Tories accuse Labour of an obsession for keeping cars out of the city centre, while Mr Mulvey and his supporters point out that Edinburgh's cheap and frequent bus service brings more customers into the city streets.

Privately, some Labour councillors are worried more by the Scottish National Party than by the Alliance. The SNP budget proposals for Lothian differed little from those of Labour and despite the loss of its deposit

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Labour, called big overspenders by the Lothian Ratepayers' Action Group Executive (RAGE) replies that the Government picked the fight in the first place.

Councillor Mulvey plans to use a barrage of statistics in the campaign, including the calculation that the Government's share of local authority expenditure has dropped from 62 per cent of the total to 43 per cent in six years.

Tomorrow: West Midlands

Sale to test art market

By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent

An important Renaissance portrait which cannot be exported from Britain is to be offered for sale at Sotheby's today. It is an unprecedented test of the internal art market.

The painting above is a portrait attributed to Alessandro Allori of a handsome young Florentine holding a cello.

It was acquired by Baron Magnus von Spreti, a collector in the nineteenth century, passed through the marriage of his daughter Hannah to the Rosebery collection, and was thus among the treasures of Montrose, auctioned by Sotheby's for Lord Rosebery in 1977. The price then was £38,500.

The Government had combed the Montrose collection for "national treasures" before the auction and it was a fair assumption that the rest could be freely exported. Not so. Mr Bradford Walker, of Long Island, United States, purchased the Allori and applied for an export licence. It was refused to allow British institutions two months to find the purchase price.

A two-month stop is exceptionally short and an indication that this was not an important political issue. The Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, found the purchase price, however, and offered to buy. Mr Walker refused to sell.

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Reservoir inquiry for third time

A third public inquiry opened in Devon yesterday into the plan to build a 700-acre reservoir at Roadford, to the west of Dartmoor (Craig Seton writes).

Years of uncertainty have surrounded the plan and the interests remain opposed to the use of agricultural land for the scheme which was originally intended as part of the South West Water Authority's strategy up to the year 2011.

The public inquiry, at Okehampton, was ordered by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment. Although he now accepts that the reservoir should be at Roadford, he has asked that its size should be reconsidered and that is the only issue now to be decided.

At yesterday's hearing, however, Mr Peter Mills, Conservative MP for West Devon, asked the inquiry inspector to recommend that the reservoir should not be on valuable farmland. The Dartmoor Preservation Society is keeping a watching brief.

Southend cells for skinhead

A new approach to sentencing Bank holiday trouble makers was adopted by Southend magistrates yesterday. Instead of being fined heavily or sent to prison one young London skinhead was ordered to stay in the local police cells until Saturday to give him time to reflect on his behaviour.

Gary Guymer, aged 17, unemployed, of Nelson Road, Clapham Common, who gave NAAFI salutes on the seafront last Easter Monday, pleaded guilty to threatening behaviour.

Playing boy was hanged by chain

An accidental death verdict was recorded at an inquest at Hoxsey yesterday on a 14-year-old boy who was hanged by a chain attached to a loft ladder while playing.

Alexander McGuire, aged 14, with whom he had been playing, of Overhams Avenue, aged 14, of Hoxsey, London, who hanged himself with a chain attached to a loft ladder while playing.

Prince to dive again

The Prince of Wales will make two dives next week, making a total of 10, to the Tudor warship Mary Rose which sank off Southsea, Hampshire, in 1545. He will be accompanied by the former King Constantine of Greece who has also dived on the wreck before.

The Prince's visit coincides with the start of a month's archaeological excavation by 20 volunteer divers.

ITV pays £4.5m for 'Superman'

Independent television is buying the first two Superman films for £4.5m (about £2,250,000) each. They will be screened next year in a package of six box office successes.

Jaws set a record commercial television of 23 million and the first of the series, The Third Kind, was seen by 15,500,000 viewers at Christmas. The independent channel also has Star Wars and Jaws II in its line-up.

Wheelchair boy dies in river

A handicapped boy drowned yesterday after his wheelchair slipped into the River Trent near Nottingham. The body of the boy, who was not named, was recovered, still in the wheelchair, from 10ft of water by a team of police frogmen. Police are investigating how the tragedy happened.

Orkney bells on sea voyage

The three bells of Orkney's 800-year-old Cathedral of St Magnus have been shipped to the mainland for restoration after being lowered 90ft from the tower.

The two smaller bells were cast in Edinburgh in 1528. The largest, which weighs 1,420lb, was cast in Amsterdam in 1682. The restoration work will be carried out by the foundry firm John Taylor of Loughborough (Leicester).

Research jobs saved

Two of Britain's top agricultural research stations, due to be closed or phased down, have been spared, but 110 jobs will still go to the Animal Breeding Research Organisation at Edinburgh and 47 at the Long Ashton Research Station in Bristol. Originally 250 jobs were to go.

Airlift for seaman

A Chinese seaman with a head injury was airlifted to hospital in Canterbury by helicopter yesterday after an incident on board a Panamanian refrigeration ship in the Channel.

Labour designs a wage deal for all workers

From Paul Routledge, Labour Editor, Perth

A deal on wage bargaining designed to make Labour's general election manifesto more attractive to the political middle ground is taking shape in talks between party leaders and the TUC.

Progress between the two wings of the Labour movement on a "national economic assessment" that would affect pay claims was disclosed yesterday after the Scottish TUC judged the issue of income policy during the economic debate.

The conference went on to approve its traditional stance of opposition to incomes policies. Delegates overwhelmingly approved a resolution tabled by the left-wing led Technical Administrative, and Supervisory section of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers that argued against wage controls, but moderate members of the TUC General Council were last night arguing privately that this formal policy decision by the STUC would not halt the talks with the Labour Party at national level.

Mr David Bassett, chairman of the TUC economic committee, argued that it was essential to achieve flexible understanding on wages with a prospective Labour government to meet the requirements of different groups of workers within the framework of a nationally negotiated economic policy.

The main elements of such a deal now under discussion are: an extension of the principle of pay indexation - already operating for the firemen - in the public sector so that the pay of key workers is tied to salary movement in private industry; and important Treasury decisions on spending in the public services.

Greater stress on comparability on wages between government employees and the private sector, possibly through a new Clegg comparability commission abolished by Mrs Thatcher.

Influencing union negotiators in the private sector to take account of the effect on prices of their wage demands.

Mr Bassett told The Times: "We have had to put priorities in the distribution of the gross national product, but there is no case for a rigid, structured incomes policy. There is a very strong case for accepting trade union involvement in an annual economic assessment. That involvement will influence bargaining."

"Trade unions will be seeking, as well, legislation from a Labour government to provide minimum conditions returning some things we have already lost and giving

others that we have not yet achieved."

Mr Bassett, who is strongly influencing talks aimed at reaching an agreement for an early election manifesto, added: "The essential thing is to build up an understanding which allows negotiators the flexibility they need to solve their individual needs while taking account of the agreed national economic assessment."

Failure to do this and to attempt to introduce a rigid incomes policy would, as it has always done, blow up in the faces of the government and the trade unions after two years."

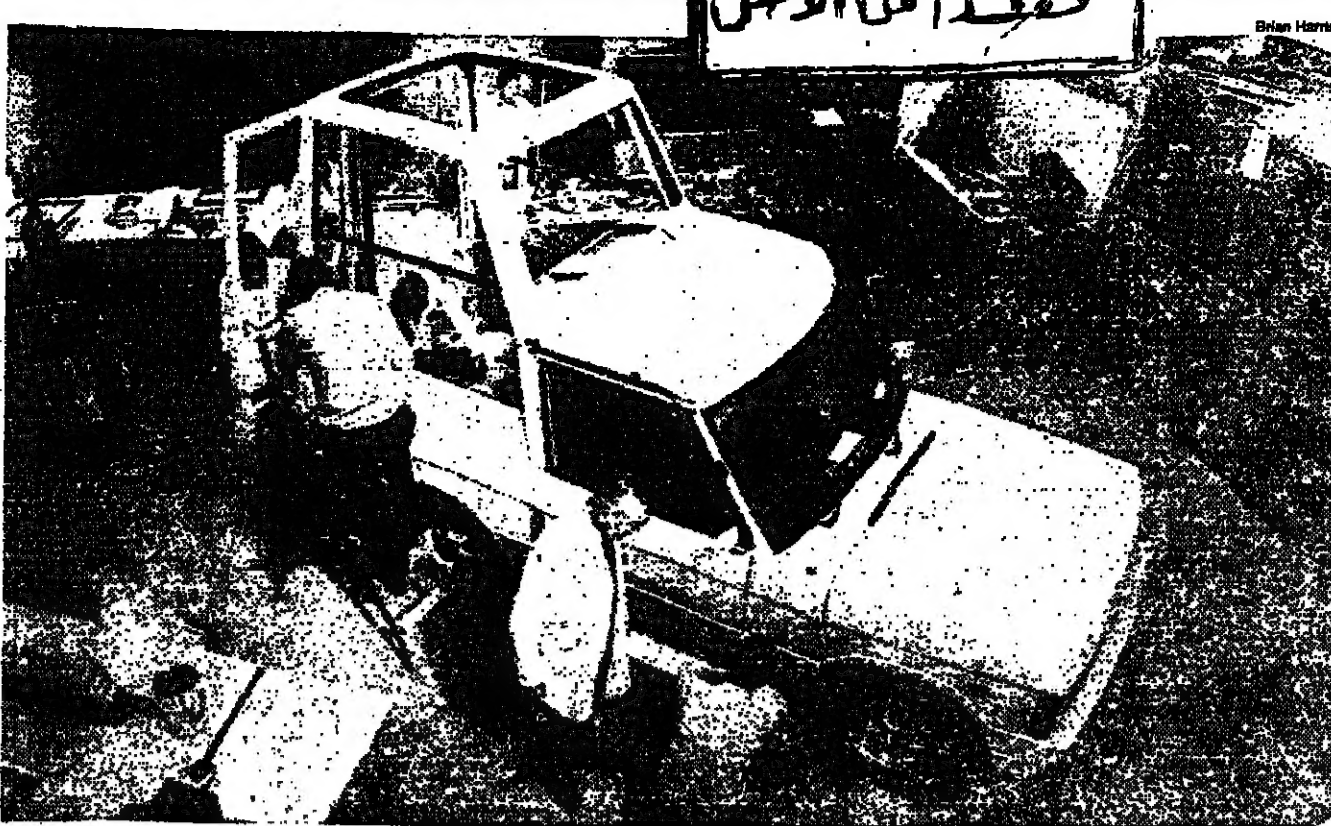
Those moves towards an incomes policy have attracted hostility from the left. In an unpublished clash during the TUC economic committee meeting two weeks ago, Mr Ken Gill, Communist leader of the engineering white collar workers, accused moderate unions of working towards a wage restraint programme in defiance of the TUC's official policy of free collective bargaining.

Those divisions came out in public yesterday at the Scottish TUC conference at Perth as Mr Sidney Weighall, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, insisted that Labour's economic strategy must encompass wages."

Delegates unanimously endorsed the 15-point alternative economic strategy which Mr Weighall said would not command the confidence of the electorate unless it included wages. "You will not deserve to be believed, and you will not get power either," he said. The NUR leader was supported by Mr Alan Tuffin, general secretary-elect of the Union of Communication Workers, who told the conference: "You know as well as I do there is no such thing as free collective bargaining."

The STUC condemned government policies on the economy, "which are destroying large sections of industry, crippling communities and impoverishing millions of people" and called for the early return of a Labour government committed to the alternative economic strategy.

That strategy would involve capital exports; planning agreements with "foreign" firms; nationalisation; and an extension of the National Enterprise Board; immediate and substantial reductions in public investment in housing, railways, the health service and inner cities; import controls; help for manufacturing industry using the profits of North Sea oil, reduced arms spending, a wealth tax and cheaper energy for industry.



Engineers from Ogle Design, Letchworth, converting a Range Rover to carry the Pope during his visit. The vehicle is one of two to be fitted with bullet-proof windows and armour plating, and will be used in the procession to accompany the six-wheeled Popemobile.

Police investigate burning of papal dais

Police are investigating a fire which yesterday destroyed a specially constructed dais in Pontcanna Fields, Cardiff from which the Pope was to have addressed an expected 350,000 people on the last day of his visit to Britain (Tim Jones writes).

Three youths were seen running away from the dais which had almost been completed at a cost of £115,000. Yesterday, forensic scientists were sifting through the embers. Until the attack security patrols had guarded

the structure until the late evening, but now a 24-hour guard will be mounted as it is rebuilt.

Mr John Mumford, groundsmen at the fields said: "There was damage to the dais last week. Someone tried putting tar on the panels and tried to light fires near it."

Det Chief Supt Don Carsley, head of the South Wales CID said: "We are treating this as an act of criminal damage and would like to interview the three youths who were seen running away."

Cardiff has a large Roman Catholic community which is fully integrated into its society and there have been few public misgivings about the papal visit.

Doubts still remained yesterday whether Harlech Television would be able to proceed with its ambitious plans to cover the event after the refusal by members of the association of Cinematograph Television and Allied Technicians to complete identity forms as requested by the church authorities.

Dispute over Salerno mutiny

New challenge to ministry's version of events

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Ministry of Defence was challenged yesterday over its version of wartime events almost 40 years ago which it issued with its recent decision not to grant a pardon to 189 British soldiers convicted of mutiny at Salerno, Italy, in 1943.

Controversy over the men's case has been revived since a BBC television documentary in February highlighted their plight. They were part of a contingent of 1,500 of General Montgomery's 8th Army troops brought from North Africa as reinforcements to assist the 46th and 56th Divisions in the crucial battle at Salerno for a foothold on the Italian mainland.

The television programme alleged that the men had been recovering from wounds suffered in Sicily and had been promised a return to their own units, a promise which was broken. They admitted disobeying a senior officer but denied it was mutiny.

The case was raised with the Ministry of Defence by MPs after the programme was screened. Mr Jerry Wiggin, Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, concluded in a letter to Mr Alfred Morris, Labour MP for Manchester, Wythenshawe, earlier this month that, after research by officials, there were no grounds for reopening the case.

In an account of the events Mr Wiggin said there was nothing in the contemporary proceedings of the trial or in official records held by the Ministry to suggest that the men were misled about their eventual destination, and that no evidence had been brought forward that any of those convicted were unfit to fight.

Yesterday, however, those and other conclusions of Mr Wiggin's letter were challenged in letters sent to the Ministry by Mr Morris from Mr Alan Patient, producer of the BBC documentary, and

from Mr P. D. Rayner, of Gillingham, Kent, who was a young Royal Marine in HMS Scylla, one of the ships that took the men to Salerno.

Mr Rayner, stating that the soldiers had been treacherously let down by the authorities, says they were "silhouettes of men" suffering from shell-shock and illness.

"We on the ship were completely amazed at the state of those troops and to a man we knew they would never be any good as a fighting force," Mr Rayner writes.

Mr Patient says there is ample evidence that the men were told they were going back to their own units; and the Ministry of Defence was implying that the 30 witnesses he had found, 23 of whom were mutineers, and six on the same draft of 1,500 reinforcements, were not telling the truth.

Most crucial of all, Mr Patient says, Captain A. G. Lee, who was the main prosecution witness at the court martial, had stated that only he and two other officers knew their destination, and that nobody else was to be told.

Mr Patient suggests that the ministry documents about the despatch of the reinforcements are "possibly suspect."

On the vital point concerning injuries, Mr Patient again quotes Captain Lee, who said on film: "We don't know what orders were given to the commandant of the 155th transport camp (from where the reinforcements were drafted) and therefore whether he got a little windy possibly, and if he did he perhaps had not got 1500 people in his camp and therefore people were then drafted from the hospitals and, as I said, came from the convalescent home."

Mr Patient said that Captain Lee was himself so unable to fight that he had to report sick at Salerno.

For about two months the figures will be calculated to ensure that authors receive their maximum entitlement and to see that the registrar underpays not overpays. Each year, in the autumn, as the Act demands, Parliament will approve the rate per loan. In the last quarter of the financial year, between January and March, payments will be made.

The amount initially available to recompense authors is £2m but that may be increased. No author will be able to earn more than £5,000 annually. The rate per loan is envisaged as 1/2p according to the number of books part and the cash available.

Every time Chips Barber sells a copy of his book about Exeter Forest his mortgage goes down. (Our Exeter Correspondent writes.)

When Mr Barber, an Exeter teacher, wanted money to publish his book he went to his building society and they lent him £3,000 which they added to his mortgage.

Tocsin sounds for the barn owl

By Tony Samstag

The barn owl is one of nature's emblematic when most people think about it at all, something very like a barn owl is probably what they see.

More's the pity, then, that the World Wildlife Fund should be sounding the tocsin for this of all species with the announcement that its numbers are decreasing at an alarming rate in Britain and much of Europe with a population crash imminent if not inevitable.

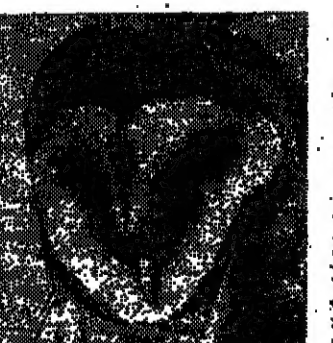
Not so coincidentally, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) has launched a nest-box scheme for barn owls. "Undoubtedly one of the underlying causes of their disappearance is that many traditional nest sites in old trees and derelict buildings have been lost," the society writes. "Brick and timber barns are being replaced by modern steel-framed structures."

Statistics are incomplete but dire. One survey completed in the early 1970s suggest that the number of barn owls in Britain might have halved in 40 years. Later studies have shown the rate of loss accelerating in the past decade or so. Intensive farming and the use of pesticides are also blamed for the decline.

Dr Ian Taylor of the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources at Edinburgh University, sees the trend to monoculture cereal production, the removal of rough ground and wetlands as contributing to a further loss of habitat.

His studies have also uncovered a curious relationship between habitat and mortality. "Mortality of adults seems to occur mostly in winter coinciding with prolonged periods of deep snow cover," he says.

The rate of mortality seemed to be related to climate "so that it falls most highly on the birds on sheepwalk, and much less on the birds on lowland farms". Dr Taylor thinks lowland areas are probably more promising for nest-site schemes, and he suggests that the large plastic drums



Barn owl: loss of habitat is threatening its existence.

available on most farms might make suitable nest boxes. Old barrels and packing cases would also be suitable, according to the RSPB, which offer advice and instructions for installing them.

In 1976 there were thought to be between 4,500 and 9,000 pairs of barn owls in the British Isles. Most farmers, who in the past have welcomed the birds as natural agents of pest control, would probably consider these figures as optimistic as they are vague.

An irony of the nest-site scheme is that those who participate in it could inadvertently be breaking the law.

"The barn owl is included on Schedule 1 of the Protection of Birds Act," the RSPB says. "This means that both the bird and its eggs are specially protected by law, and if you intend to visit your nest boxes, you must obtain a special government permit."

"If you see that the box is occupied early in the breeding season, it is probably best to watch from a safe distance, thus avoiding disturbing the birds and the needs to become involved in such legalities."

Details of the scheme are available from the RSPB, 10 Richmond Road, Exeter, Devon EX4 4JA.

Shop fined over leopard skin coat

From Our Correspondent Manchester

Animal lovers are launching a national campaign to stop illegal trading in furs after the successful prosecution yesterday of a fur shop for trying to sell a leopard skin coat.

The coat, priced at £3,999, was seen in the window of Raimond Furs, King Street, Manchester, by a member of the Protection and Conservation of Animal and Plant-life group (PCAP).

Mr Daniel Lindsay, the group's European secretary, posed as a potential customer and got a written estimate of the coat's price from a shop assistant.

The estimate was used in evidence in yesterday's private prosecution brought by the group against the Bank-ruby Fur Company, the shop's owners.

Mr Brian Woodhams, for the prosecution, told Liverpool magistrates: "People in this country and throughout the world are desperately concerned about the wholesale slaughter and destruction of animals whose extinction will be forever. This trade is a further step towards the total annihilation of endangered species."

The company admitted the offence and received a fine of £750, the biggest to be imposed under the Endangered Species Act, 1976.

Mr Stephen Fox, for the company, said an administrative error left the firm open to prosecution. "This coat existed before the 1976 Act and it was offered for sale without a licence. But this was not a conspiracy to get round the act, to flout the law nor to endanger any animals."

Mr Lindsay said that the case allowed his 5,000 members in Britain to launch a national campaign to stop the sale of all coats made from the skins of endangered animals.

He said: "Most in danger are the big cats - the leopard, tiger and panther. Many skins are smuggled into Britain and made up into coats for sale here and for export to Europe. But now our members will be calling at fur shops in Britain to make sure that any coats made from protected species have the necessary documents for sale."

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FALKLAND CRISIS

Pym steers clear of force at Brussels

By Murray, Brussels, April 20

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Pym, has been clear in his message to the EEC Ministers of the United Kingdom that the Falkland Islands are not a problem that Britain was seeking to bring the maximum pressure to bear on the Argentine junta and that it was prepared to do everything to achieve a peaceful solution if this were possible.

If he did not seek support for any eventual British military action, he left his fellow ministers in no doubt about British resolve not to flinch from doing so, if it believed this was the only way of ensuring that the interests of the islanders were protected.

The British Cabinet decision had not been taken when the Foreign Ministers met, but Mr Pym was able to warn that there might well be very rough waters ahead before the dispute was settled. He was therefore asking for complete solidarity of the Community.

The short statement at the end of the meeting gave the solidarity and went on to confirm the EEC's desire to see United Nations Security Council Resolution 502 demanding the withdrawal of Argentine forces from the Falklands — put into operation.

The statement ended by saying the ministers were anxious for the affair to be a peaceful solution. It praised the efforts of Mr Haig to find such a solution and supported his work.

The heavy emphasis in the short statement on the peaceful solution is a pointer to the fact that Britain's partners are less than happy about any suggestion that Britain should go to war. Britain is not prepared to give any undertaking to anyone that it will not go to war into action.

A British source said before the meeting that it would negate the point of sending the task force if there were any doubts about it being used if necessary. He said Britain was not asking its partners for a blank cheque, but Mr Pym did want to make it clear how determined the Government was.

His mission was seen as sufficiently important for the British Cabinet meeting, which was to discuss the American proposals, to be postponed until he returned from Brussels.

Mr Pym emphasized in his long explanation of the



H2 in the lead as landing craft from HMS Hermes exercise in the Atlantic

Navy may well rue sale of lethal Darts

By Henry Stanhope, Defence Correspondent

Britain could soon regret its decision to sell the Sea Dart guided missile to Argentina if fighting breaks out between the two navies, still separated by about 2,000 miles in the South Atlantic.

Not only is Sea Dart an effective long-range, anti-aircraft weapon designed to pick off hostile intruders of one's air space at sea; but it is also capable of crippling enemy ships.

Many experts at the Ministry of Defence believe that Sea Dart and the Type-42 destroyers which are designed to carry it, should never have been supplied to the Argentines — who remain the only other navy to have them.

Travelling at twice the speed of sound, Sea Dart is guided by radar to its target aircraft, which it can attack at high or medium altitude and at distances well in excess of the published range of 25 miles or so.

But it can also be directed to plunge down from a great height on to other ships, powered by its ramjet engine to hit the deck or superstructure with disabling force.

Trials conducted by its makers, British Aerospace Dynamics, are said to have demonstrated Sea Dart's ability to strike with such kinetic energy that, even without a warhead, the missile smashed through up to seven decks of a target vessel.

Argentina has two Type-42 destroyers, the 4,100-ton sister ships Hercules and Santissima Trinidad, the first of which was built by Vickers in Barrow-in-Furness, the second in South America. Ironically, British teams have been helping the Argentines to introduce the complex missile system to the Argentine Navy's conscript sailors.

Fortunately for the Royal Navy, the Argentines have not had much time to develop their skills with the missile — which according to British industry sources demands a trained operator. The number of missiles supplied so far is limited and an inexperienced crew could expend their arsenal without inflicting lethal damage. No missile is 100 per cent effective.

The Royal Navy's task force has the aircraft carrier *Invincible* and three Type 42 destroyers, the *Sheffield*, the *Conway* and the *Coventry*, all of which have a full

IN SUMMARY

Falangists march for Gibraltar

About 20,000 people marched in a right-wing demonstration through Madrid today to show support for the Argentine takeover of the Falkland Islands and demand the return of Gibraltar to Spain (our Madrid correspondent writes).

The word "recession" has become a part of daily conversation and it is calculated that it will last nine to 12 months here. Some 61 Chilean industrial enterprises went bankrupt last month, and this figure brings the total of bankruptcies for the first quarter of 1982 to 124. In 1981, 431 business went bankrupt.

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There also an evident lack

OVERSEAS NEWS

'Chicago boys' blamed

Chile's economy in grip of recession

As the political and economic problems facing Chile intensified, the entire Cabinet of President Augusto Pinochet resigned on Monday. An official communiqué said that the President did not intend to change his economic policies or to devalue the peso. Florencia Varas reports from Santiago on economic difficulties.

The great hopes for economic recovery endangered by the military regime headed by President Pinochet and his economic team of "Chicago boys", who brought professor Milton Friedman's theories to Chile, have begun to crumble. There are serious doubts about the Friedman economic model and about the country's future.

The present problems are so serious that it is difficult to look anywhere but at the situation of the moment. It is disconcerting to feel that businessmen cannot see a clear future and only think of how to get by the next day. Sergio Alfonso Silva, president of the Social Union of Christian Businessmen, said:

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Successes claimed for abortion pill

By Charles Hargrove, Paris, April 20

The discovery of an after-conception pill by a group of French scientists has opened the way to a new method of abortion, less traumatizing and damaging to health than existing ones.

Professor Etienne-Emile Baulieu, the director of a research unit at the Institute for Medical Research, the French Academy of Science, said that the experiments were carried out in Switzerland. The new substance, an anti-progesterone steroid, RU486, the formula of which remains secret, had proved very effective.

The drug was tested on 11 women volunteers who were between six and eight weeks pregnant. Nine abortions had been provoked with the absorption of a dose of 200 milligrams of the drug a day over four days in the form of two to four capsules.

The RU 486 has also proved a very effective means of contraception. Professor Baulieu explained that the new substance, a hormone compound, worked on a very simple principle. It prevented one of the two female hormones, the progesterone, from playing its essential part in the implantation of the embryo in the uterus.

A great number of contraceptive tests of its contraceptive effect were carried out first on animals and afterwards on women. "What we do is combat the progesterone through the cells upon which it works," he explained. By administering the substance to non-pregnant women, normal menstruation was produced within 48 hours.

The following menstrual cycle was found to be thoroughly normal.

A large number of further clinical tests will be necessary on the new substance, to establish the reasons for its failure to act in some cases any after-effects, and those cases in which it could not be prescribed. If these prove conclusive, the drug could be on the market in three years and would revolutionize existing methods of contraception and abortion.

The World Health Organization and the Ford Foundation have expressed keen interest in the discovery, and asked to participate in these clinical tests.

MPs' snaps may yield landing site

By Anthony Bevins

Military intelligence yesterday called an MP to the Ministry of Defence so that they could examine photographs and other material gathered during a parliamentary visit to the Falkland Islands last September.

Mr Eric Ogden, Social Democratic MP for Liverpool, West Derby, and Mr Michael Sherby, Conservative MP for Uxbridge, visited the islands under the sponsorship of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

Mr Ogden said yesterday that he had gone on the trip at the request of a Foreign Office minister of state, "to reassure the islanders of Britain's continuing interest and support, and to ascertain their views on future talks with Argentina."

He had received a call from the Ministry of Defence last week, expressing an interest in any photographs he might have taken of the islands.

Mr Ogden said: "We were taken on a coast-hopping trip in a Beaver seaplane and took many photographs of the bays, beaches, headlands and settlements from the air. It seems that penguins and invaders like the same kind of beaches."

He added that it was quite fascinating, in the light of the current crisis and with the task force heading south, to look at the photographs of possible invasion sites on the islands.

Mr Ogden has been told by the ministry that his "items" would be carefully examined and officials would let him know "if any of them could be of use to the intelligence people."

The Liverpool MP also stated that the Falkland Islands Office in London had also been asked for contacts who might have maps and photographs which could be of intelligence interest for invading forces.

Shadow fleet

The Royal Navy has now requisitioned or chartered 35 civilian ships "to support and augment" the Falkland Islands task force. The official list, issued by the Defence Ministry, shows they include 19 tankers, cruise ships, cargo vessels, trawlers and tugs.

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P & O liner Canberra (44,807 tons), troop carrier and hospital ship; P & O roll-on, roll-off cargo ship, *Esso* (15,432), transporting armoured vehicles; P & O schools cruise ship *Uganda* (16,907) hospital ship. All are at sea.

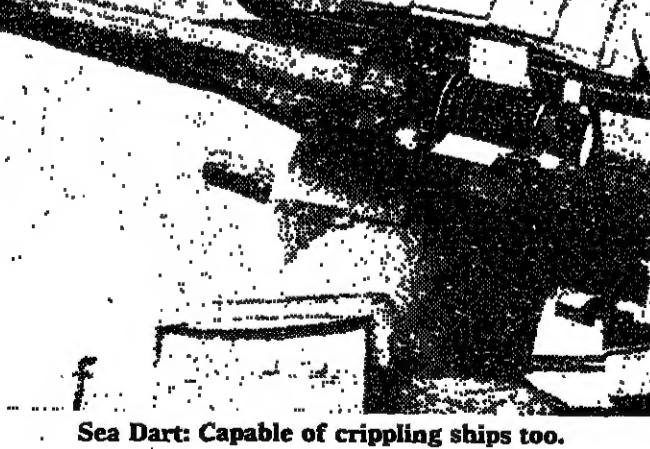
Tugs: Salvageman (1,598), Irishman (686), Yorkshireman (686). All belong to United Towing and all are at sea.

Trawlers, fitted as mine-sweepers with Royal Navy crews: Northalla (1,238), Farnella (1,207), Junella (1,615), Cordelia (1,238). All belong to J. Marr Ltd of Hull, and are at sea, with the exception of Farnella which is at Hull. Pict (1,478), a trawler which will act as support ship, belonging to British United Trawlers, is also at sea.

Cargo vessels for transport of equipment: Stena Seaspread, North Sea support ship belonging to Stena UK, (6,061) at sea; P & O roll-on, roll-off ferry *Norland* (12,988) now loading at Hull; Townsend Thoresen's *Europerry* (4,180) loading at Southampton; Finmark Norwegian freighter (21,267) at sea. Cunard's Atlantic Conveyor, roll-on roll-off ship (14,945) is at Devonport.

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Tankers: *Esk* (15,642), *Tamar* (15,642), *Tay* (15,650), *Test* (16,653). (All owned by BP and at sea). The BP *Test*, of similar tonnage, is in Loch Strin, and BP *Dart* is at Portland being fitted out. *Esso Fawley* (11,064), BP *Wye* (15,649), BP *Avon* (15,540), G.A. Walker, owned by Canadian Pacific (18,744). All are at sea. Shell *Burma* (19,763), BP *IV* (13,271), BP *III* (13,252), Swedish-owned *Cortina* (8,499), *Luminetta*, owned by Cunard (14,925), *Ironman* — no details of ownership supplied — (3,623), *Fort Toronto*, owned by Canadian Pacific (19,982) freshwater tanker.



Sea Dart: Capable of crippling ships too.

UN's peace blueprints ready

From Zoriana Pysariwsky New York, April 19

There is an abundance of ideas being floated in London, Buenos Aires and Washington concerning the United Nations role in the Falklands settlement.

High-level United Nations officials, inspired by thoughts that the possibilities are endless, have drawn up no fewer than 15 blueprints in case the organization should be called upon to save the day. They claim that none of the parties has requested the effort, although within some political circles the United Nations is being promoted as a means for giving two politically threatened governments a graceful way out.

The ideas being most widely circulated are:

Peace-keeping forces — Given the United Nations' expertise in this area and its current stationing of its forces in Lebanon, the Golan Heights and Cyprus, this is the idea that first came to mind soon after the Argentine invasion.

Direct administration — The only precedent here is probably a rather disquieting one for Britain. It involves the disputed territory of New Guinea, now known as West Irian. In 1962 the Dutch Government was persuaded to hand over administration to the United Nations. The next year the Indonesian authorities assumed control and in 1963, without a referendum, declared that the inhabitants wished to remain under Jakarta's control.

Trusteeship — This would leave Britain as the administering power over the islands in trust with the United Nations, which in turn would make certain the needs of the islanders were well served. Of all the United Nations possibilities this is considered the most advantageous to the British Government since the system would give priority to the wishes of the islanders under a multinational

administration — This would give a joint British-Argentine administration an international gloss and some amount of face saving, pending resolution of the issue of sovereignty.

Sovereignty negotiated under United Nations auspices — The possibility being given most prominence, as a result of Mr Haig's most recent talks in Buenos Aires, appears at first glance to provide Argentina with an edge because of the General Assembly's pronouncements.

Mediation — Señor Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the Secretary-General, would have the opportunity to shed the low profile he has kept throughout Mr Haig's mission, but it would probably mean that effort had failed. Britain has been eager to keep Señor Pérez de Cuellar from becoming directly involved in negotiations, believing that the United States has far more leverage with

RAF PUTS BIRDS IN A FLAP

The peace and quiet of Cape Wrath will be shattered this week when the recently converted RAF Vulcan bombers begin target practice on the tiny island of Garve, less than half a mile from one of the biggest seabird colonies in Britain (our Scottish Correspondent writes).

The bombers are using live 1,000lb bombs and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds is worried about disturbances to nesting puffins, gulls, fulmars and kittiwakes. An RAF spokesman said yesterday that the Ministry of Defence usually tried to avoid bombing on the Cape Wrath range during the nesting season. The society would like to see a moratorium on exercises with live ammunition between mid-April and early July.

The Ministry of Defence yesterday described the exercises as "critical" in view of the Falklands crisis.

Socialists want UN peace force

Socialist members of the European Parliament are calling for a United Nations peacekeeping force to be set up in the Falklands.

A resolution tabled by Mrs Barbara Castle, the Labour leader in Strasbourg, also calls for a halt to the progress of the British naval task force and the simultaneous withdrawal of the Argentine invasion force.

But the move, one of a series of resolutions being passed by the European Parliament, is being debated on the crisis today, has already upset Conservative representatives.

Mr Adam Ferguson, MEP for Strathclyde West, the Conservative spokesman, said his colleagues would not back any resolution which could be interpreted as calling on Britain to retreat.

However, it could well lose a ship on doing so. If that ship was a carrier like the *Invincible* or the *Hermes*, the loss of life and expensive investment (more than £200m in the *Invincible* and its aircraft and weapons) would be considerable.

Even a crippling blow would be a humiliating reverse for the fleet at a time when it needs to prove its value to a Government which is not without its doubters.

Britain will not rule the waves in the South Atlantic as easily as many armchair strategists assume.

Gaston Thorn Hurt

Brussels. — Mr Gaston Thorn the President of the European Commission, was slightly injured when his car was in collision with a bus in Brussels. He received only bruises.

Defence lesson for Britain

The Falklands crisis has made a review of the Government's defence priorities necessary, Dr David Owen, the SDP's parliamentary leader, said last night (Henry Stanhope writes).

Speaking in Chichester after visiting Portsmouth Dockyard, he acknowledged that Britain would not have to shape the Royal Navy around the need to maintain a garrison on the disputed islands.

The real lesson, however, was that Britain's main contribution to Nato should be to the alliance's maritime strategy. The Government's folly had been in giving a higher priority to land forces.

The crisis had demonstrated the power and flexibility of nuclear-powered submarines.

Buenos Aires: Mr Tony Prime, one of three British journalists held by the Argentine authorities, believed to have been questioned by a Federal Court judge on Monday over allegations that he had been spying (Christopher Thomas writes).

Mr Prime, a photographer with *The Observer*, is said to have been questioned for three hours in Ushuaia in the south of the country. Mr Simon Winchester of *The Sunday Times* and Mr Ian Mather of *The Observer* were expected to be questioned yesterday or today.

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Convicted minister to quit Cabinet

From Moshe Brilliant, Tel Aviv, April 20

Mr Aharon Abuhatzira, the Prime Minister today and informed him of his decision and then announced it to journalists waiting outside. His move relieved Mr Menachem Begin, the Prime Minister, of a delicate problem as he was under pressure to dismiss the minister.

The Tami Party's Central Committee yesterday endorsed the minister as party leader, but he said he believed he could persuade the institutions to let him resign. He said he wanted to be free to prepare for his appeal to the High Court and he felt in the meantime his ministries should be represented at the Cabinet table.

He has taken leave of his Government duties since the start of his trial and Mr Begin took over temporary responsibilities for his three ministries.

He declined to comment on attempts by his political backers to build up his case as an "ethnic affair", with the European-dominated establishment out to get him because he was a North African.

Mr Abuhatzira called on

Stoessel claims progress

From Our Correspondent, Cairo, April 20

Mr Walter Stoessel, Deputy Secretary of State, said today progress had been made in his efforts to save the peace pact between Egypt and Israel.

He ended seven hours of negotiations in Egypt by meeting President Hosni Mubarak and his aides. "We have had very friendly, very cordial and very constructive talks," Mr Stoessel said. "I believe we have made progress and that things are moving well. I am optimistic about the outcome."

Mr Stoessel came to the area almost a week ago at the instruction of President Reagan, as both countries showed signs of increased strain over the withdrawal from the Sinai. He has been shuttling between Cairo and Jerusalem and flew back to Israel today, saying he could not tell if a return trip to Egypt would be needed.

Among the areas of dispute are sovereignty over a 600 to 1,000 square yard area south of the Israeli port of Eilat, and whether the Egyptians will reaffirm in writing their commitment to the peace pact in order to allow Israeli troops to return to the Sinai after the withdrawal.

SPADOLINI SAYS CRISIS MUST WAIT

From Peter Nichols, Rome, April 20

Senator Giovanni Spadolini, the Italian Prime Minister, said today he would defer direct debate on the future of his coalition Government until after he has seen the budget through Parliament this month.

His Christian Democratic Party's Socialist partners have demanded the resignation of Senator Beniamino Andreatta, the Treasury Minister and a Christian Democrat, who allegedly had a Socialist advance would bring Nazi rule nearer.

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Israeli 'spat' at Adenauer

From Our Correspondent, Tel Aviv, April 20

Mr Arye Naor, a former Israeli Cabinet secretary, reacted angrily before a Civil Service disciplinary tribunal in Jerusalem today, when the prosecutor tried to stop him from discussing his anti-German feeling. Mr Naor attempted to discredit testimony by Mr Ranan Lurie, the cartoonist, that he sought a job with the West German newspaper *Die Welt*.

He said his attitude to Germans was illustrated when he spat at Dr Konrad Adenauer, who was then Chancellor, when the latter was visiting Israel. He saw the Chancellor as a representative of the SS and the murderers of his family.

Mr Michael Kirsh, the prosecutor, said this was irrelevant and Mr Naor shouted "You cannot muzzle me in this matter. It is my soul. This subject is in my bones." The hearing was interrupted to allow Mr Naor to calm down.

Later he admitted giving Mr Lurie a story about a conversation between Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, and President Carter, but said it had already appeared in an Israeli newspaper.

Mr Naor is charged with "unbecoming behaviour" on the basis of allegations by Mr Laurie, now the *Times* cartoonist, that he had offered him scorpions in 1967 in the hope of being given a job with *Die Welt*, which Mr Laurie then represented.

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Successes claimed for abortion pill

By Charles Hargrove
Paris, April 20

The discovery of an effective abortion pill by a group of French scientists has been hailed as a major medical breakthrough and a triumph for the pro-choice movement. The pill, known as RU-486, is said to be safe, effective, and easy to use. It was developed by a team of researchers at the University of Caen, led by Professor Raymond Baulieu. The pill works by blocking the action of progesterone, a hormone essential for the development of the embryo. It is taken orally and is effective up to 49 days after the last menstrual period. The French government has approved the pill for use, and it is now available to women in France. The pill has been hailed as a major breakthrough in the fight for women's reproductive rights. It is seen as a way to give women more control over their own bodies and to reduce the number of illegal abortions. The pill is also seen as a way to reduce the number of women who are at risk of complications from illegal abortions. The pill is expected to be available in other countries in the near future.

Balancing act by Polish bishops on visit by Pope

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw, April 20

Will the Pope visit Poland as planned this August? That is the question dominating church strategists in Warsaw and will be one of the principal topics of talks between the Polish Prime Minister, Tadeusz Mazowiecki, and the Pope scheduled to take place in the Vatican next month. The Church is having to balance two elements on the one hand, the Pope's visit would give great encouragement to the Polish people and strengthen the church's position in its negotiations with the Polish Government. His visit to Poland two years ago helped to shake the spirit of opposition in the country and was a contributing factor to the birth of Solidarity, the free trade union. On the other hand, a papal visit would be seen by the Government as an endorsement of its legitimizing martial law.

A decision on the visit has been delayed for as long as possible—the religious point of the trip is the 600th anniversary of the miracle of the Madonna of Czestochowa—but Church-state relations have now reached a crucial phase. Church sources believe further postponement of an announcement may thus create more problems than it solves.

The Church has presented an important strategy document, now circulating among the country's bishops, that goes some way towards creating a bridge with the Government. It recognizes that the Solidarity movement made some form of social contract involving both the Government and trade unions is a desirable goal. Although it lays the responsibility on the Government to create a suitable atmosphere for talks, by releasing internal security forces, for example, it accepts that there are certain constraints on the Church's actions.

Reformist Communist politicians said privately last week that the document was a useful negotiating base. The Pope will now be expected to give his approval to it in the first East-West summit in June. Church and Government are expected to discuss it during a joint bishops' conference in May. The outcome of these talks will prove to be the key element in the decision about whether to allow the Pope's visit to go ahead. If the Vatican can be assured that the Government is prepared to reach a socially acceptable compromise in a new trade union structure, then the risk of the Pope "legitimizing" a repressive regime will be less acute.

First signs that the Government is ready to go some way along this route came in an article in the daily *Zycie Warszawy* this week written by a former Solidarity activist, recently released from internment, criticizing the Government's union reform proposals.

"But we must not expect miracles," said a Church adviser today. "The papal visit can still be delayed either until October or next March. He emphasizes that, if the visit is to go ahead in August, the decision will have to be made in the next two or three weeks for adequate preparations to be made."

Meanwhile, the main concern of the Communist Party is to establish itself in an article in the daily *Zycie Warszawy* this week written by a former Solidarity activist, recently released from internment, criticizing the Government's union reform proposals.

The four main economic points on the agenda are: A discussion of the economic reality in Poland (industrial production fell by 7.4 per cent in March, 1982, compared to March, 1981); the need to build economic self-management on the basis of social welfare councils in factories; the need to orientate trade more towards the Soviet Union and Comecon; and ways of reducing the impact of radical price rises on ordinary Poles. The party will also agree on an appeal to be issued on May Day. General Wojciech Jaruzelski is expected to make a speech that will discuss both economic problems and the essential role of the Communist Party. No personal changes are expected, though the agenda is flexible enough to bring in discussion of such changes towards the end of the plenum on Friday.



'Smile...'

Schmidt tries to reunite his party

From Patricia Clough
Munich, April 20

With an uncharacteristic touch of humility Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, today urged his critics and divided Social Democrats to stand by Nato's missile policy and pleaded for party unity.

In a two-hour speech, he warned the party congress here that it had the choice between pulling itself together or being relegated to opposition where it could no longer influence the future of the country. The crucial issue before the congress, he said, "is not, in this very rough weather, to hand over the ship of state to a different command."

Herr Schmidt, whose policies are being increasingly criticized by younger and more left-wing members, had evidently realized the congress was in no mood for his usual confident, occasionally arrogant, manner. Speaking in quiet persuasive tones, he admitted: "I know I have made mistakes and I will not be able to avoid making others in future."

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Why Italian terror will not go away

From Peter Nichols Rome, April 20

As some of the most chilling figures in Italian terrorism file back tomorrow into their cages, with the resumption here of the trial of Aldo Moro's alleged killers, the inevitable question hanging over the improvised courtroom is: What next? At the opening of the trial last week, even the most hardened killers among the 40 accused present (out of 63) agreed to a degree of collaboration with the court. This behaviour in itself was unusual: it is more normal for terrorists of the far left to refuse both the authority of the court and defending counsel.

Their conduct throughout the day's proceedings was much calmer than at most of the trials involving leaders of the Red Brigades. The behaviour was imposed by Mario Moretti, still the undisputed leader of the militant wing of the Brigades. He was reputedly the interrogator of the former Prime Minister during the 55 days of Moro's captivity, as well as having made mistakes and I will not be able to avoid making others in future."

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might have decided that the prospects are good for a revival of violence despite the fact that the most prominent figures have been arrested. There is growing unemployment, especially among reasonably well-educated young people, who make up three-quarters of the total.

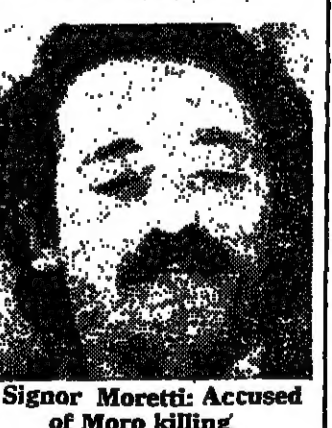
A high-ranking officer in the security services points out that Fascist violence in 1921 and 1922 originated not only with the sub-proletariat, but above all with young people of the middle classes. The economic crisis after the First World War impinged less on their lives than the present one because agriculture still absorbed those who could not find jobs elsewhere.

Now they feel frustrated, accuse the unions of having betrayed them and the welfare state of having abandoned them. From 1968 onwards they have seen a series of killings and kidnappings.

Would it be easy to find men of the unquestioning devotion of Moretti among today's disaffected youth? If these 40 accused were freed could they regain a following and repair the old myth of invincibility?

The politicians have failed to provide the social reforms essential to remove a motive for armed resistance but they are favoured by the fact that the consuming drive which characterized the terrorists of four years ago seems now to be lacking and there is a greater readiness to give information after arrests.

For all that, terrorism will not go away. "We have," one successful investigator says, "reduced terrorism and limited kidnappings. And what next? The next great crisis in crime will involve the drug traffic."



Signor Moretti: Accused of Moro killing

Mob attacks accused

Sydney, April 20. — A mob today attacked three men outside a court where they had been remanded in custody on charges of shooting dead two youths after being evicted from a teenager's party.

As they were led out, about 100 people shouting "hang them" surged forward, kicking and punching. Reuter.

Japanese concessions on croissants and cognac

From Charles Hargrove, Paris, April 20

A lifting of the ban on French croissants, a cut in the crushing 220 per cent duties on French brandy and a promise to buy a few helicopters — for such paltry presents was it worthwhile for President Mitterrand to become the first French head of state to pay a state visit to Japan?

This is the question most French commentators are asking themselves today, and the answers depend on their capacity to penetrate the mist of elaborate politeness and inscrutability under which the Japanese shroud their real thoughts and intentions.

In terms of making the Japanese give up their aggressive industrial policy and their protectionist commercial practices, the French President obviously made no headway. Although some of the ministers and members of his entourage who went with him were obviously disconcerted by their lack of response, the President himself did not expect any spectacular or immediate results. He had not come to Japan as a commercial travel-

Mauroy defends his style of governing

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, April 20

M. Pierre Mauroy, the Prime Minister, has felt it necessary to justify, in a lengthy article in *Le Monde*, his method of running the Government, which has been under increasing attack from many sides, and not only by his political opponents. It is in accordance, he says, "with the democratic options of the left."

President Mitterrand might use tomorrow's Cabinet meeting to give his views on the matter.

The controversy between M. Robert Badinter, the Minister of Justice, and M. Baston Defferre, the Minister of the Interior, over the extent of police powers has once again brought into question the cohesion of the Socialist administration, the coherence of its policy, and the ability of the Prime Minister to impose both upon it.

M. Lionel Jospin, the First Secretary of the Socialist Party, did not consider it desirable that individual ministers should expatiate at length and in public on their own convictions. "That debate must be confined to the Cabinet," he said.

Mauroy writes: "Where the practice of our predecessors had turned the members of the Government into docile and interchangeable interpreters of a score in which they had no say more than 20 years of opposition have made it possible (for the left) to produce strong personalities who are not afraid to state and to defend their standpoint."

He goes on: "It is my duty as Prime Minister to arbitrate when divergencies arise, and to decide when difficulties appear. That is what I do, and I do not consider it desirable for the Government to suddenly impose decisions which cannot have been previously debated. That is the choice of democracy."

While different policy options remain open, they must be put to the country without tampering. "On the other hand, when the choice is made and the decision taken, the Government is jointly responsible for its implementation and does not tolerate any breach of solidarity."

However valid in theory, this distinction does not altogether agree with the present Government's practice on several recent occasions.

Letter from Peking

China luxuriates in its pre-Mao past

People have different ways of unwinding from the strains of modern living: meditation, television, or just a long walk in the country.

In Peking nowadays one can resort to such refined enjoyments as sitting in contemplation of a 46-ton bronze bell inscribed inside and out with Buddhist sutras and said to be audible 20 miles away when struck — or browsing through a selection of millions of imperial archives in one of the world's first fire-proofed buildings.

Life in the Chinese capital is being gradually enriched by the restoration and opening of dozens of buildings and historic sites closed to the public in the early stages of the Cultural Revolution more than 15 years ago.

Money is becoming available for this work in impressive amounts. The old skills and handicrafts are mostly remembered, and are being handed down by the old practitioners to apprentices.

Whether it be the restoration of a delicate scroll by actually burning rice-wine on its surface, or digging up the remains of an eighteenth-century palace in the style of the Italian baroque, there is ample enthusiasm and loving care to be tapped.

This is of considerable social and psychological importance for the Chinese people of today.

Mao Tse-tung wanted the common people to be "poor and blank" so that he could write his revolutionary patterns on their minds. But this was a tremendous under-assessment of his fellow-countrymen.

Revolutionary or capitalist, most Chinese people value their cultural heritage enormously, be it only in the form of rustic marriage customs, clan lineages, reciting ballads. No other people in the world are so closely linked to so much of their past, and it is reassuring that this link has survived the political upheavals of the past century.

The effort to protect and restore relics presents massive problems of resource-allocation. In the case of many known sites — such as most of the Ming and Qing tombs — the only feasible solution is to leave them as they are till funds and expertise become available to open them. Many

people would rather they were left as they are.

Much Chinese architecture is of wood, and so requires constant attention and restoration, not just the big edifices, but just the simple protection of historic buildings. Most have a record of destruction in warfare or fire, and reconstruction at periods of often less than a century. The buildings frequently survive as a concept, as a set of physical materials.

The biggest monument, like the Great Wall of China, can never be fully restored, nor would they be any point in doing so. Some old stretches of the wall can be rebuilt as close to their original form as possible, and opened to the public with small, specialized museum displays.

One of the biggest efforts made recently in Peking has been the unearthing and rough rearranging of the summer palace of the Yuan Ming Yuan, the eighteenth-century pleasure garden of the Manchurian emperors, which contained elaborate baroque palaces and a working zoological water-clock designed by Jesuits who found favour at the imperial court for over a century.

An Anglo-French force sacked the Yuan Ming Yuan in 1860, and later the local people carted off much of its masonry. Now school-children on outings swarm all over the ruins on weekdays. Some foreigners still picnic there.

One of the political inhibitions to restoration of the summer palace has been the fact that many of the biggest ones are dedicated to Buddhism, especially the Tibetan-style Lama Buddhism which strongly influenced the Manchus.

Some of the most notable monuments are copies of Indian buildings, whereas in other parts of China proper, Buddhist temples tend to have a more distinctly Chinese flavour.

The biggest Buddhist temple, containing a statue of the Buddha more than 70ft high, and said to be carved from the trunk of one enormous tree brought all the way from distant Sichuan province — is open to visitors, with a few taciturn Mongolian monks in attendance.

David Bonavia

Puzzle of Spain's lack of security

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, April 20

The chiefs of staff of the Army, Navy and Air Force met representatives of the Unified Anti-terrorist Command in Madrid today to coordinate the takeover of certain police duties by the armed forces.

Government came under political criticism in connexion with the recent increase in terrorism.

Communist MP's agreed to question the Government in Parliament about the lack of security precautions at the automatic telephone exchange which was destroyed here last Sunday by Basque extremists and about security arrangements at other communications installations.

The question was prompted by press disclosure that the police were aware beforehand that the Basque separatist organization ETA was planning to attack a target in Madrid with explosives last weekend and that the telephone company did not include the exchange — the country's most important on its priority list for special security measures.

Two other parliamentary groups, the conservative Democratic Coalition and the Catalan minority, said they would call for a debate in the Congress of Deputies, on the terrorist issue.

The meeting between top military and police officials was the second in two days, motivated by the Government's decision last Sunday to put into practice exceptional anti-terrorist measures.

The increase in political violence began last Wednesday with a bazooka attack on a police barracks in San Sebastian.

In the past six days, there have been six more attacks, resulting in three days' arrest, charged with helping Mr Vladimir Merklov, an expelled Soviet diplomat, in subversive activities.

EEC seeks farm deal

Brussels. — The agricultural ministers of the 10 EEC countries resumed their weary negotiations in Luxembourg to try to agree farm price rises (Ian Murray writes).

British insistence on knowing how much it will have to pay means that a final decision over the next three days is impossible, but many of the details could be agreed.

Policeman jailed in S Africa

Johannesburg. — Inspector Petrus Bronkhorst of the South African police, who lashed a taxi driver and three women — one of whom was pregnant — last Sunday, was sentenced to 17 months' imprisonment.

Spanish coup trial adjourned for week

Madrid. — The Spanish coup trial was adjourned for a week to give the prosecution and defence time to prepare their summing-up. The two-month-old trial was originally expected to be over by the end of this month, but Señor Calvo Sotelo, the Prime Minister, said he does not expect sentences to be passed until late next month or early in June.

Spy charges dropped

Copenhagen. — The Danish Ministry of Justice has dropped espionage charges against Mr Arne Herlov Petersen, aged 38, author and left-wing activist (Christopher Follett writes). He was arrested and remanded in custody for three days last November, charged with helping Mr Vladimir Merklov, an expelled Soviet diplomat, in subversive activities.

Cuba travel banned

Washington. — The United States Government has banned business and pleasure travel to Cuba in an effort to limit the flow of American dollars to the country. Mr John Walker, Assistant Treasury Secretary, accused Cuba of "sponsoring armed violence against our friends and allies."

Kidnap victim freed

Taranto. — Kidnappers have set free Signor Raffaele Fico, aged 34, an Italian businessman abducted five months ago after his family paid a ransom of 880m lire.

Russians launch second laboratory into orbit

From Michael Binyon
Moscow, April 20

The Russians yesterday launched a new space laboratory, Salyut 7, which will be used by a mixed Soviet-French crew this summer. The orbiting research laboratory, sent up from the Baikonur Space Centre in Kazakhstan, replaces the ageing 19-tonne Salyut 6, which was used by other mixed crews drawn from the Soviet Union's communist allies under the Interkosmos programme.

Tass reported today that all systems were functioning normally, and Salyut 7 is now orbiting the Earth every 90 minutes, 170 miles out in space.

Lieutenant-Colonel Jean-Loup Christien, aged 43, a French Air Force pilot, will be sent up with two Soviet cosmonauts to the laboratory in June in the first East-West joint mission since the 1975 Soviet-American link-up between the Soyuz and Apollo spacecraft. Colonel Christien has been training for the mission at the Soviet Space Centre near Moscow, together with his understudy, Commander Patrick Maury, for the past two years.

Salyut 7, like its predecessor launched in 1977, will be used for scientific experiments. Tass said it would test modernized systems and equipment or the orbiting station, as well as being used for technical research.

All the systems will be checked and tested in two months by a preparatory two-man Soviet crew who will reach the space laboratory a few days before the Franco-Soviet team arrives on a Soyuz 7 spacecraft, an updated version of the module used in earlier Soviet manned expeditions.



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Afghan war lull

Delhi, April 20. — Soviet and Afghan forces regained control from Muslim rebels in the strategic district around Pagan, 12 miles north-west of Kabul, over the past week when heavy military activity resumed after a winter lull, diplomatic sources said here today.

Soviet and Afghan armour were reported around the rebel stronghold of Khoja Musafer, a village near Pagan. — Reuter.

RESHUFFLE IN CYPRUS

Nicosia, April 20. — Mr Spyros Kyprianou, the President of Cyprus, today dropped five of his 11 Cabinet ministers, reshuffled the others and announced he would seek re-election when his current five-year term of office expires.

Only Mr Nicos Rolandis, the Foreign Minister, Mr Christodoulos Veniamin, the Interior Minister, and Mr Stasos Cattellis, Minister to the President, survived the reshuffle. Reuter.

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Singapore seeks greater control of press

From David Watts, Kuala Lumpur, April 20

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language morning paper. The Monitor company's principle shareholders are the two current Chinese-language newspapers, the Government Development Bank of Singapore and two other Chinese banks.

Today's announcement follows the appointment as executive chairman of *The Straits Times* board of Mr S. R. Nathan, a former head of intelligence and Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Mr Nathan's appointment was strongly resisted by the board.

Relations between the board of the company and the People's Action Party (PAP) Government have never been comfortable since the newspaper opposed Mr Lee Kuan Yew's rise to power in Singapore in the early days of independence.

There was also resentment at what the Government saw as the poor quality of the *Straits Times* which, with a monopoly of the English-language morning market, has been a very profitable newspaper for a long time; so much so that about two years ago the Government encouraged the establishment of a rival morning newspaper, to be called *The Singapore Monitor*.

But now, *The Singapore Monitor* is unlikely ever to see the light of day,

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A Times Investigation/Frances Gibb on a murder which was solved all too easily

Why Paul Cleeland deserves a retrial

THE MURDER

In their determination to find the killer, the police may have entangled themselves in a web of mistakes

Shortly before two o'clock in the morning of November 5, 1972, Terry Clarke, a scaffolder from Stevenage, was shot dead at close range with a shotgun in the cul-de-sac behind his house. The killer ambushed him as he went to his car. A night out with his wife, fired two shots as Clarke stepped out of his car, and ran off.

The man charged with his murder was Paul Cleeland, then 30, a scrapper and a scrounger, who was found guilty in June 1973, at a retrial after a first jury failed to agree a verdict, and is now serving a 20-year life sentence.

From the moment of his arrest, Cleeland has vigorously protested his innocence. He is not a man of unblemished background who inadvertently became involved through bad luck. Both he and the victim were part of the same underworld criminal fraternity. But he is convinced, and recounts in a compelling and coherent narrative — that in their determination to find the killer, the police may have entangled themselves in a web of mistakes.

Insisting he had been framed, Cleeland, according to his own defence and in 1976 took his case to the Court of Appeal. It was dismissed. "This is clearly one of those cases," said Lord Justice Lawton, "where a number of cunning criminals have got together to concoct a spurious and, on the face of it, credible story to discredit the police."

But the appeal judge did not admit as evidence, a sequence of disturbing events since Cleeland's trial involving errors in his prison records. These led to an internal inquiry headed by Mr. E. J. Boothby, Assistant Chief Constable of Northamptonshire, who was called in after allegations by Cleeland that the errors were deliberate and the police evidence which led to his conviction was flawed.

If Cleeland's story is tinged with a degree of resentment against the police and prison authorities, it is hardly surprising. The report remains secret. The Home Office refuses to release it, despite repeated requests from MPs, because of the risk of it being used to throw doubt on what a prominent QC called the "quite unusual number of blemishes in connection with the police evidence," in particular, the discrepancies between the ballistic experts called by Cleeland and the police, and on the extraordinary coincidence of a number of prison records, affecting or reasonably calculated to affect Mr. Cleeland's appeal. Above all, it could provide the basis for a retrial.

THE ARREST

Cleeland sent out from prison to get as much underworld information about the killing as he could

"In the early hours of November 5, 1972 I was woken by knocking on my front door," Cleeland says. It was the police. "They informed me that a man named Terry Clarke had been shot and killed and asked me if I would be prepared to help with their inquiries." At the station he was asked to make a statement. "To this day I have never changed one line that was written down by the officer."

The police produced what was then one of their only pieces of evidence against him. A woman had allegedly seen him enter his house at 2.30 am on November 5. It turned out to be a neighbour well-known to Cleeland. "I proceeded to say that this woman and her husband were a right pair and that I had had trouble with them since I had moved into my home about a year previous. I said this was not the first time this woman had told the police stories about me and that it was only the presence of an independent witness on a previous occasion that

stopped the police taking action against me regarding what this woman had told them."

While at the station he met Pat Clarke, wife of the dead man. She had seen the killer but not recognised him. He says she told Cleeland: "the person who had fired the gun was about six feet away from Terry and about 20 feet from her." He was "about five feet eight inches, had short dark curly hair and was wearing a dark suit with a vest in the back."

Cleeland who is fair and about 5 feet 11 inches, returned home. Later that day the police came back and again asked him to go to the station. This time he was placed in the cells and on November 7 charged with murder. He stood trial early in April 1973 and the jury failed to agree a verdict.

Before the next trial, Cleeland says he "sent out" from prison to get as much information about the killing as he could. What came back from his underworld contacts was that the shotgun being shown at the trial — a "Gye" Moncrieff 12-bore picked up near the murder scene — was not that used to kill Clarke. Second, that two people took part in the killing; one doing the actual killing, the other acting as a "minder." He was told they used a pump rifle (sawn off) and that they used Clarke's own Rover car which he had previously reported stolen. They went down into Essex and dumped the gun in a weir at Harlow. The "minder" was also armed with a sawn-off shotgun and that, too, was dumped in the weir. He also learned that the cartridges used were Ely cartridges; not Blue Rival, as claimed by the police.

Three weeks after Cleeland was charged, according to the notebook of Detective Inspector John Ratcliffe who was in charge of the scene of the crime — two shotguns were recovered from the weir at Harlow, and one was a Westernfield 12-bore repeater.

It was at this point, Cleeland says, that the police realised how difficult things were getting. He felt he had been arrested initially not as a direct suspect but in an effort to get him to talk and had been charged so that he could be kept inside. When the police believed to be the real murder weapon was found in Harlow weir, the charge against him should have been dropped, he says. Instead, he maintains, the police decided to "take a gamble and put up a case against him. But the case contains one glaring inconsistency."

Det. Insp. Ratcliffe records in his notebook that on the morning of November 7 he took to the Metropolitan Police Laboratory in London at 10.30 am (10.30 in oral evidence) two spent Blue Rival cartridges found with the "Gye" Moncrieff 12-bore picked up near the murder scene; 18 live Blue Rival cartridges found near by; and the hand stock of the gun itself. These were examined by Mr. John McCafferty, then principal scientific officer of the laboratory, who said that wadding found near Clarke's car could have come from Blue Rival cartridges. They were returned to Stevenage police station according to the exhibits book, on the 15th.

But another officer, Detective Sergeant Norman Atkinson, the police photographer, said in evidence that on that day, November 7, he took photographs of the scene of the crime until about 11.30 am; then went to Stevenage police station where he collected a shotgun and a quantity of cartridges from Det. Insp. Ratcliffe himself and took these to police headquarters at Welwyn Garden City where they were photographed. The photographs show clearly the handstock of the gun, and the cartridges. According to his notebook, Atkinson turned to HQ at 12.45. Therefore he must have collected the gun between 11.30, when he was last at the scene of the crime, and then, and taken the photographs in the afternoon.

No explanation for this extraordinary contradiction was offered in court. Cross-examined by Cleeland, Ratcliffe said he had a receipt showing the cartridges and handstock to have been delivered to the London laboratory that day and "Sergeant Atkinson must be mistaken."

"How could McCafferty have carried out tests on November 7, 1972, at the Metropolitan Lab, if in fact, we have the photographs that show the McCafferty says he had?" Cleeland asks. As the police said, it could be a mistake. But the evidence of P.C. Kittle gives rise to further concern. On the 7th, the day Ratcliffe said he went to London, P.C. Kittle says he went with the Inspector to the crime scene. Both Cleeland and McCafferty are giving the correct date for the correct date. Ratcliffe, now Superintendent and Commander of Stevenage police, says that he stands by what he said at the trial. "All the defects spoken about by Cleeland were thoroughly investigated in two trials and by Mr. Boothby in an independent investigation," he says; and as far as Sergeant Atkinson's

evidence was concerned, he still believes he was mistaken.

There is one final mystery surrounding the cartridges. The police did buy a control box of 25 Blue Rival cartridges in Stevenage but that was not until Saturday the 11th. If the ones found at the scene were indeed at the laboratory from November 7 to 15, it is unexplained why one witness, Raymond Newton, should have testified in a statement signed November 8 to having been shown a box of 25 Blue Rival cartridges. And why did Ian Graham, another, say he saw such a box on the 10th? Furthermore, an album of photographs showing the loose cartridges was already in the exhibits book by the 9th.

THE GUN EVIDENCE

'Guilty or not guilty the police were wrong over the distance involved'

Little was made of the disturbing discrepancies in ballistic evidence at Cleeland's first trial. With the second one pending, he says: "At this stage my only thought was to get out and I decided the best way for that to be done was to prove to the court that the shotgun produced by the prosecution was not that used to kill Clarke so all the evidence as to that shotgun was useless to convict me of murder."

Cleeland maintains — and his expert, a registered gunmaker, supported him — that the gun in court, fired twice at the distance alleged by Pat Clarke, would have caused more damage to the victim than it did. Pat Clarke said she saw the flash of the gun at about 6 feet from her husband and a neighbour who looked out of his window, said he too, saw the flash of a second shot about 6 feet from the car.

The Crown's chief witness on the ballistic evidence was Mr. McCafferty, principal scientific officer at the Metropolitan Police Forensic Laboratory, Holborn. McCafferty gave evidence until his retirement at several famous trials including that of James Hanratty, hanged in 1962. At the time of Cleeland's trial McCafferty had 24 years' experience of handling firearms. He was a police liaison officer with the laboratory until his retirement from the force in 1964 when he took over as head of the Metropolitan Police Laboratory's firearms section.

McCafferty told the court that the gun he had examined and tested, the 12-bore "Gye" Moncrieff, produced similar shot patterns to those on the victim's body with the target at 18 feet from the muzzle. No one, he said, had asked him to fire from 18 feet but "I looked and examined the shots spread on the victim's garments and from my experience of weapons I selected a range which I thought was probable, fired a cartridge and then adjusted my range by firing additional cartridges until the spread was of the same distance as on the garments."

The two fired cartridges



Since then he has worked from inside prison to prove his innocence. The conflicting evidence shows that, at the very least, the case should be put before another jury.



According to the notebook and evidence of a police photographer, this photograph of cartridges was taken at Hertfordshire Police HQ at Welwyn Garden City on November 7, 1972. But McCafferty and another prison officer testified that on that day these items were being tested in London.

It would have remained one expert's word against another, but for one further opinion, not referred to in the judge's summing up: the evidence of Dr. M. Rufus Crompton, consultant pathologist at St. George's Hospital, London. From studying the autopsy report, photographs and X-rays and examining the body, he concluded that the pellets had not penetrated much deeper than the subcutaneous tissue and were spread over some 12 inches, both front and back, the range was about 36 feet.

Despite this, Cleeland was found guilty. There was other evidence against him: a man and his wife testified they had sold him the gun produced in court; another man said he had bought Cleeland the cartridges and a third said Cleeland had asked him to look after some cartridges. Both the latter were known to Cleeland and both had criminal records. He denies he ever owned or possessed the gun in court or either of the other two guns found in the weir. Cleeland was sentenced on June 25, 1973, with a recommendation of a minimum 20 years. He lodged notice of appeal, and pending that, further tests on the "Gye" Moncrieff were carried out by J. G. J. Rothery, a registered gunmaker from Portsmouth. These crucial tests, inadmissible at the

Early on November 5, 1972, Paul Cleeland (left), a petty crook from Stevenage, was taken by police and accused of murdering Terry Clarke, another small time criminal. In June 1973, despite his fierce denials, Cleeland was found guilty of murder and sentenced to 20 years.

appeal, up the scales firmly in favour of the defence ballistic evidence.

Rothery concluded after tests on October 8, 1974 in the presence of McCafferty and the police that the gun "must have been fired from a minimum distance of 38ft and a maximum distance of 44ft". Had this firearm been fired at 18ft from the victim as described in Mr. McCafferty's evidence I feel that far more damage would have occurred to the car and to the back of the deceased. The conclusion must, therefore, be drawn that if this gun was used, it was fired at a distance in excess of 38ft, or alternatively, if the range was 18ft, then this gun and cartridge were not used further question mark remains over evidence on lead traces on Cleeland's clothes. McCafferty undertook chemical tests using swabs and found lead traces on the front of his suit and donkey jacket which might, he said, have come from a gun. Another expert, Mr. F. A. Lyne, then president of the Association of Public Analysts, gave evidence saying he had found the same lead contamination but concluded it to be more likely to be "environmental" than due to a single incident.

A more complicated and lengthy test than that undertaken by McCafferty exists, which can differentiate between environmental contamination and lead from firearms. This test involves the use of an electron microscope and ancillary apparatus and depends on time and staff available. But despite the doubts, it was not used.

THE NEW WITNESS

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So the police had secured a conviction, albeit an untidy one. But the matter did not rest there; another witness came to light. Cleeland was sent to Wandsworth where he came across another prisoner called Nash who said he recognized Cleeland and had been in the cell opposite him at Stevenage the night he was brought in.

For Cleeland, the revelation seemed vital. Nash, he believed, could support his denial of a major piece of police evidence: that he and another prisoner had had a conversation in the cells on the night of Cleeland's arrest which amounted to a confession of guilt. The police said they had been in near by cells and made notes.

He made strenuous efforts to see Nash who was eventually seen on his behalf by a member of the prison staff. Cleeland says he was told "Nash was a bit of a romantic and had not been in Stevenage police station."

"When I heard this I was rather mad for the last thing I wanted at that time was a rumour so I decided I would see what could be done about Nash."

Through the prison grapevine Cleeland got in touch with Nash, established that he had after all been at the police station and urged him to contact Cleeland's solicitors. On receiving Nash's statement from his lawyers, Cleeland — by this time at Albany — decided to inform the Court of Appeal that had been able to see Nash at Wandsworth much time would have been saved and second, that a member of the prison staff had told him, wrongly, that Nash could not help him.

It was at this point, early in 1974, that the errors in the prison records first came to light. Cleeland asked the prison governor if he could know the date he had requested to see Nash at Wandsworth. He was informed that according to the records, he had seen Nash on December 4, 1973 in connection with his appeal.

Cleeland petitioned the Home Office in protest. Six weeks later he was told they had found the records to be correct and would stand. He was told that was the end of the matter. "Upon hearing this," Cleeland recounts, "I am afraid I lost my temper, for I knew I had never had an interview with Nash, yet these people were telling me I had."

The Home Office refused. Not satisfied with this, the Governor asked the assistant governor to submit a fresh report which was duly sent to the Home Office nearly a year later. Again it was rejected. Cleeland wrote to Shirley Williams, who was

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The outcome of Cleeland's letters to the Chief Constable of Northamptonshire over this was that the Assistant Chief Constable, Mr. E. J. Boothby, was appointed to investigate both the errors and the question of the affidavit. What happened next, Cleeland recalls, is "the part that makes the whole story truly incredible." In view of the Boothby inquiry, he asked if he could check all his letter and visit sheets since first being remanded. What came to light was that the master sheet, on to which details of all previous letters and visit sheets were copied when he moved to Albany in 1973, contained names and addresses that did not appear on the Brixton and Wandsworth sheets with which he was provided.

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This too was referred to Mr. Boothby. His report was completed three years ago. It was to the Director of Public Prosecutions who concluded that there was insufficient evidence for a prosecution, and to this day the Home Office has refused its publication.

CLEELAND'S VERSION

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About this time, just before Christmas 1976, Cleeland's mother brought him an envelope that he says had been pushed through her front door. It was a photograph of a sworn affidavit by a Det. Sergeant O'Connor dated February 26 that year, the day of the appeal, and Cleeland says it was the first time he had seen it. At first he could not see its significance.

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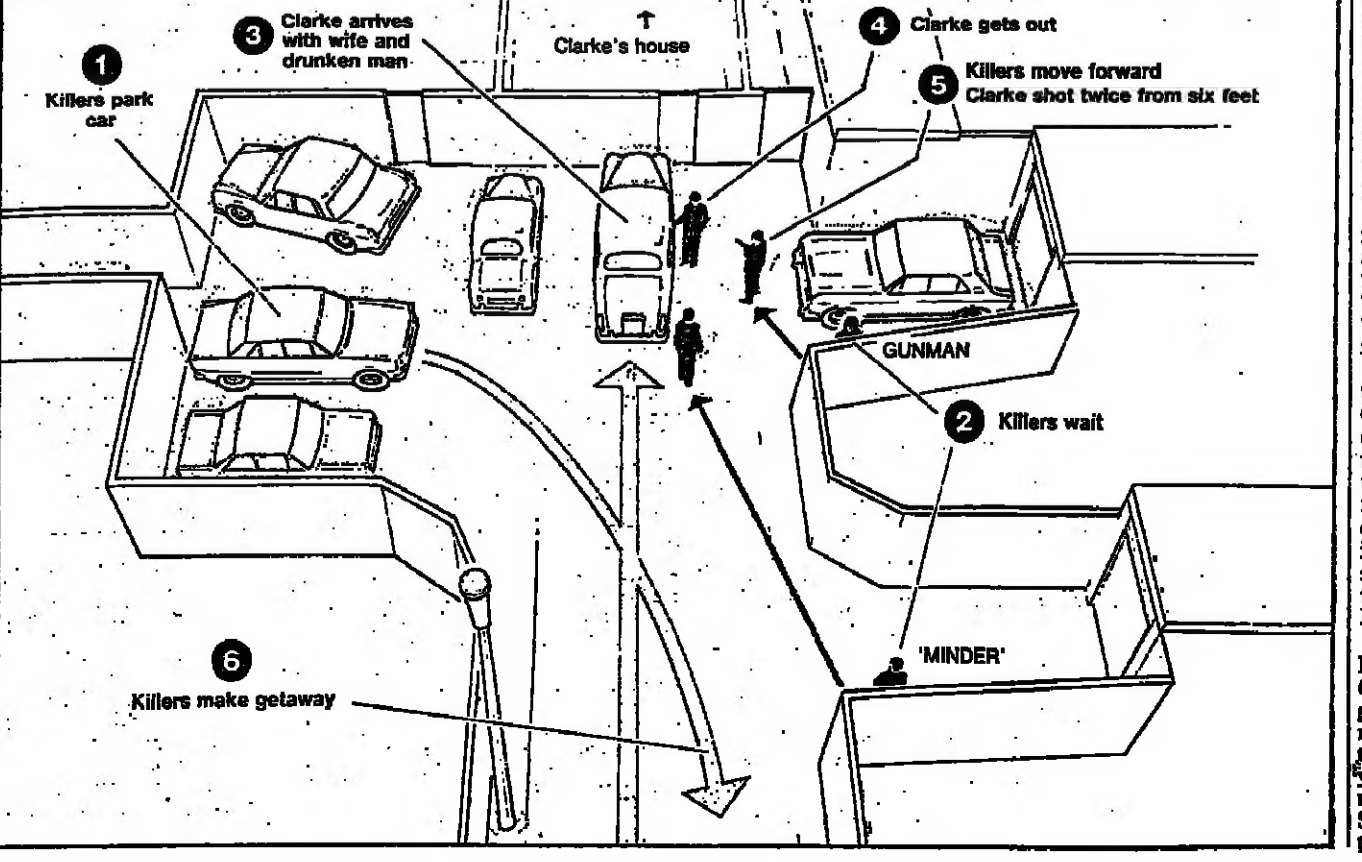
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How Clarke was murdered: The villains' version

Cleeland's underworld contacts told him that Clarke had been ambushed by two men, both armed with sawn-off shotguns. The murder was witnessed by Clarke's wife and a neighbour from an upstairs window. The killers arrived and escaped in Clarke's Rover car, which he had reported stolen, and dumped their weapons in a weir at Harlow.



Cinema

African adventures of fear and sympathy

The internationalism of film never ceases to surprise. Tomorrow London sees a production originating from the Swedish Film Institute, filmed entirely on location in Zambia, with a Swedish crew, with British, American and African actors, written and directed by a Swedish-raised Briton from the work of a South African novelist. *The Grass is Singing* was published in 1950, and it gave Doris Lessing her European stature. Michael Raburn is a documentarist whose interest in Black Africa attracted him to the novel for his first feature. John Thaw shed his television persona to play a failing up-country farmer who marries a town woman frightened by a looming spectacle of old-maidship. Unable to adjust to the flies, heat, tin-roofed homestead and native resentment she goes mad and is savagely murdered.

At the core of the film is a remarkable performance by Karen Black, who offers a brilliantly controlled study of a neurotic woman tripping over the threshold into insanity without forsaking the capacity to evoke sympathy and fear for the eventual tragedy.

The actress has had an interesting career: more than 30 films since her debut in *Francis Coppola's You're a Big Boy Now*, when she, too, was an unknown, and she has worked with many major directors — Hitchcock, Clayton, Schlesinger, Mike Nichols and Altman among them. For the last of these she recently appeared in a Broadway play, *Come Back to the 5 and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean*. With a title like that it probably deserved its run of a mere six weeks. The critics roasted Altman, although he had invested much original and inventive stagecraft in the production, when the piece itself was so trivial that it scarcely warranted his attention — unless to demonstrate how ineffective it is to use sledgehammers to crack nuts.

"The Swedes found the conditions strange. They'd be sent to a hotel and find that they couldn't take a shower, only a bath. So they would complain, and as for what they said about the lizards and the flies, and the heat and the distances! John Thaw was very funny — he's one of those people who can tell the story over and over again and still make it sound funny. He was worried about being typecast by *The Sweeney*. I think he worries too much about it. You just have to play the part and find the truth in it."

"This year she reaches her thirty-ninth birthday. She lives in Greenwich Village with her six-year-old son Hunter. "It took months to find that name — his father wanted to call him Liberty, and other names of that sort." She was raised in Illinois, in a suburb of Chicago. "I came to New York when I was 18 just like a nitwit, but I was too much of a nitwit to know I was one. I never thought of being in movies. I did all the romances, and I worked at switchboards, waitressing, all that stuff. During my first trip to Los Angeles, I did the Coppola movie. I became ill on the plane, and I thought my ears were going to burst. And then I was put in a car and driven out into the bright light. When I first saw the Sunset Strip I wanted to vomit."

"The next thing I shall do is a film called *Deep Purple*. It's set in 1939, in a sort of Walker Evans America of empty spaces, gauceness, farms and glimmering mud and truck tyres and Pepsi signs corroded by the weather. It will be directed by Paul Williams who made *The Revolutionary* with Jon Voight. It's about a woman who is looking for and thinks she has found the child of a woman who has given up for adoption, but it's not really her daughter. Anyway, I like it."

George Perry

Jazz

Mose Allison

The Canteen

Allison's vocal delivery has hardly changed over the years: his slack-jawed, unmistakably rural-dialect still makes him sound like a boy from Mississippi dispensing handed-down wisdom over a jug of moonshine on a bawdy front-porch evening.

Drawn from some surprising sources, but still containing a large proportion of the songs which he became identified in the early years, the repertoire seems all of a piece, which is a certain mark of character in this field. Songs from the canons of Nat Cole, Charles Brown, Hank Williams and Percy

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Interview: Philip Prowse

Encouraging directions

"Whether this works or whether it doesn't, I hope I'll have the courage to go back to Glasgow and leave the London theatre to die the death it so richly deserves — a death caused by directors who have not the faintest sense of design, actors who believe that a play can exist on a page instead of a stage, and audiences still willing to pay for provincial, parochial, puritanical rubbish".

of his *The Homecoming* — but that all got rather upmarket, expensive, so we began discussing a new policy with only very young actors which we were just starting to put into action when the money and the local enthusiasm ran out; so we moved north to Glasgow.

"There too we started with a policy of famous old ladies in milk-lined vehicles, but Glasgow rapidly decided that Constance Cummings in Tennessee Williams's *The Milk Train Doesn't Stop Here Any More* was Southern degenerate rubbish, so we moved on in 1970 to the policy we've stuck to ever since of a very young company in a wide range of new and classic work.

"Giles has this extraordinary improvisatory ability to take a mix of apparently ill-suited people and turn them into a team; he also is one of those very rare directors who relish being a house manager, so that he still stands in that bloody Glasgow foyer every night, all six foot four of him, and age hasn't made his appearance any more conventional, saying 'Good evening' to bewildered Glaswegians.

"Of course there was a certain culture shock in going straight from Watford to Glasgow, but it really is the most remarkably cosmopolitan city: no colour problems, no religious bigotry, and they seemed to accept us even sooner than we accepted them. Our only problem was a middle-class supposedly cultured elite who kept making bizarre demands to see 'Scottish classics' on stage, whatever they might be. Luckily there's now Euan Hooper's Scottish Theatre Company to keep them quiet, and we can get on with the plays we believe in. I'd make only two claims for our first ten years at the Citizens: we kept an apparently dying theatre in existence, and we found a way (thanks to an extremely tolerant and enlightened board of management) of giving ourselves total artistic freedom."

Three years into their Glasgow management Havergal and Prowse were joined by the playwright

MacDonald, and at around that time Prowse decided that, as he was in a position of some power, he would also encourage himself to direct: "I'd always been a designer, and the other two choked a lot when I told them the news, but they seem to have taken it very well. My problem now is that in order to get taken seriously elsewhere as a director I have to turn down a lot of very lucrative opera and play design jobs. As a designer I stick to ballet, which is where I started."

Born 43 years ago in the Midlands, a sailor's son, Prowse grew up on the huge Litter Christmas pantomime extravaganzas in Birmingham, and by the age of 18 he was studying at the Slade. "They had this appalling concept of 'painters for the theatre' instead of 'real designers', but it was a good place to have been and I was lucky enough to get to Covent Garden in 1961, so I spent the next few years in reasonably constant work as a freelance ballet designer, working for directors who if they came from Europe did at least have some remote idea of what design was all about. Over here the usual lack of money backstage has been turned into a terrible sort of virtue, so that true design in the European theatre sense is still virtually unknown."

"For a long time after I went to Glasgow I still kept pretending that I really wanted to be a designer first and a director second; actors in rehearsal made me very nervous, because I'd only ever met them in pubs or fitting-rooms and it took me a long time to get my ideas across." When he did, the result was a series of remarkable Glasgow productions including the professional world premiere of Coward's *Semi-Monde* (a kind of *Grand Hotel* on stage) and a *Duchess of Malfi* which went to the Theatre of Nations festival at a time when its other visiting directors were Barrault and Bergman.

"Around then I began to think that I really could be a full-time director, though until now I've only ever worked with our Glasgow

companies and I find in London when you're pushing eminent ladies about the stage you have to mind your manners rather more. Writers seem to have got a lot softer here in London, too, since I went away; we are living on a myth of Great English Theatre. You go to Stratford and sit amid five hundred Japanese tourists watching a totally terrible *Taming of the Shrew* and you suddenly realize that they've no way of telling how terrible it is. It's like us going to Tokyo and gawping at Kabuki. How do we know it's not rubbish too?"

"Directing is all about realizing that a script is only the beginning, it's only what the actors actually say on stage. If a play exists perfectly on the page, then there's no point in doing it on the stage; a good script is only a notation of what people say. What happens then is up to a director; maybe that's why I seem to do so few modern plays. It doesn't help having the author standing around at rehearsal. In ballet the power of the director is total and accepted; in drama he's still supposed to be part of the team, and that's how you get all the rubbish."

"The wonderful thing about Glasgow is that most of our audiences have never been to a theatre before they come to us, so they aren't sitting there complaining that it wasn't done like that at the Vic, and the actors react to it, so I listen to their ideas. Sometimes otherwise we might just as well save the money and have Gordon Craig's marionettes. But the curious thing about the actors we started at Glasgow over the last decade — Cheryl Campbell, John Duttine, Paola Dionisotti, Rupert Fraser — is that when I see them in London or on television I can hardly recognize them at all. Something seems to happen to people when they leave the Citizens." Which is, just possibly, why Mr Prowse plans to stay there.

Sheridan Morley

Concert

Plausible economy

Parley of Instruments

Instead of a choir, the Parley of Instruments used the voices of Elizabeth Lane (deputizing for the sick Emma Kirby), Ian Partridge and Stephen Roberts for three of Handel's Chandos Anthems which they performed at their London Handel Festival concert on Monday. The excuse for such economy was plausible enough. That was how the Duke of Chandos would probably have heard them in the second decade of the 1700s.

Not that she has not done even sillier films. One recalls, for example, *Airport 75*, in which she was a stewardess who piloted a stricken 747 to a safe landing, achieving it, as aviation experts noted, without using the rudder. But then she also made *Five Easy Pieces*, with Jack Nicholson.

Perhaps in *O Sing unto the Lord* Miss Lane and Mr Partridge could have added weight to their suspensions in the duet "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" and the fury of "The waves of the sea rage horribly" was tempered by poor instrumental coordination. But *As Pants the Heart* was performed with lavish yearning, evoking appositely the dryness of a still, sun-baked Mediterranean afternoon. *I Will Magnify Thee* elicited some of the best violin playing of the evening, complementing rapturously Miss Lane's spontaneous expressiveness in the aria "The Lord is righteous".

As if to bat at the distant sources of this music, the Parley included three sacred pieces by Monteverdi. Two simple hymn settings were counterbalanced by the more daring, two-voice version of *Confitebor tibi, Domine*. Here Miss Lane and Mr Partridge engaged in a colorful, erotic dialogue, crowned by the two violins ushering them out gently with the dying echoes of the final, spare "Amen".

Stephen Pettitt

Second Stride, a contemporary dance company presenting works by Siobhan Davies, Ian Spink and Richard Alston, makes its debut at the Oxford Playhouse on May 5. After a British tour, which will include a London season at Riverside Studios from June 8 to 13, the company leaves for a four-week visit to the United States.

William Mann



"Not Quite Jerusalem": David Threlfall, Leslee Udwin

on the other Brits that you are much more aware of them as two yobs and a spinster hysteric than as victims of impoverishing backgrounds. There remains some excellent comic acting in Les Waters's production, particularly from Kevin McNally as Harlow's own laughing boy and Leslee Udwin as the seductively pugnacious tractor-girl.

Irving Wardle

Love in Vain

Tricycle

Bob Mason may be too new to playwrighting to recognize the chances he missed. In retelling the story of Robert Johnson he pushes straight through the chronology from the time the boy ran away from a Mississippi plantation

at the age of 16 to the moment of his death by poison a decade later in 1938. He invents the life from Johnson's blues songs; supposing that Betty Mae was the childhood sweetheart whom he left behind to a savage husband and casual whoring, and that she kills him in a recording session at the urging of his entire home town.

Though the death is the inevitable end, and will be known to admirers of Johnson's music and anyone who bothers to read the programme notes, it is not actually a climactic event. There is one fine gimmick in the ending, which inaccurately has Johnson recording his last songs after being told by his manager that she has poisoned him. Julius Littman, who is a physically pale but musically strong copy of Johnson, is at his best in that last scene, refusing to die, or do anything about the poison, until he has made sure

of immortality. If the entire story were told in that hotel room turned into a recording studio, in the space between one song and the last, it might concentrate Mr Mason's drama.

Ned Chaillet

Opera

A nasty lot, nicely portrayed

Agrippina

Sadler's Wells

Winton Dean has categorized *Agrippina* as one of Handel's "anti-heroic operas". Of the eight characters only one, Otho, is at all admirable: the others, Grimoire's text says, Handel's music either make mockery or paint in unfattering colours — reasonably, since they include the Roman emperor Claudius, his wife Agrippina, her son Nero and his subsequent wife Poppaea.

Kent Opera's production, to be seen in London this week (the remaining performance is tomorrow), is a joint effort by Christopher Bruce and Norman Platt, who do not scruple to expose the absurdity of Claudius's pos-

turing self-glorification and the simpering, sulky malignity and sexual thirst of Nero — and indeed to mock the nature of *da capo* aria form itself, which Handel in his Italian apprentice years was not yet ready to shorten and vary, as he did for London taste.

Stanley Sadie reviewed the production when it was first shown. It only remains for me to praise again the lovely, stylish settings by Roger Butler, to connive at David Thomas's clownish caricature of Claudius — if chiefly because he clowns as expertly as he sings the part — and to express admiration for Felicity Palmer's powerful, eloquent portrayal of the title role, a horrible creature, absolutely serious and marvellous to listen to.

Cynthia Buchan's nasty

stripling Nero is almost a collector's piece. She had trouble on Monday with her first quick aria in the last act, "Coll' ardor del tuo core", chiefly because she was set so precipitous a pace by the young conductor Ivan Fischer, who raises eyebrows with his special orchestral effects, but certainly knows how to make a "baroque" orchestra sound well.

Paul Eswood has the ungrateful task of playing the only good guy in wicked world, as boring as Sir Galahad in Arthurian legend: Eswood looks suitably robust, and sings his music with real nobility. Otho is the lucky man who finally gets Meryl Drower's luscious sweetmeat Poppaea. She is another good reason for seeing and hearing Handel's *Agrippina*.

William Mann

Television

The only case for Peter Prince's *Tomorrow*, Bright Star (BBC 1), as a television backwash, is that it has ever been. He finds the Sixties so fascinating that his picture of Europe in 1999, a totalitarian state committed by its leaders to global warfare, is only conjured up as a commentary on the earlier anti-war movement and the relative innocence of the confrontation. But a 55-minute play needs more than a title.

An anxious Robin Ellis in the white-tiled foyer of an ominously clinical institution. Is his wife in labour? Has she been notified? Or have they merely redecorated Television Centre? Such was the failure of Mr Prince and his director, Peter Duffell, to create tension that by the time we learn, several confused flashbacks later, how his daughter was in custody for her part in the assassination of a pro-war politician many viewers must have switched over to professional snooker.

Sarah Berger, combining feminine delicacy with a martyr's steel, and Mr Ellis seized their belated chance for paths in an interview where, like Arthur Miller's Proctor and Shaw's St Joan, she was persuaded to sign away her integrity only to find that the state gives nothing in exchange. Too late: desultory reminiscence of Daddy meeting Mummy at an anti-LBJ demo had taken its toll, to say nothing of an interminable party scene showing her fellow-juvs affecting Sixties gear and catchphrases in a highly improbable display of camp.

Throwaway references to habitual street violence, compulsory conscription and dictatorship by Euro-edict larded the script as awkwardly as historical touches in third-rate costume drama. At least the designer, Nigel Curzon, had fun with the frigidly elegant futuristic sets, including an interview room that managed to be terrifying by sheer geometry. But, if this series of view of tomorrow is right, the graffiti may well be cancelled for lack of interest.

Anthony Masters

Theatre

Dramatic overkill

Not Quite Jerusalem

Royal Court

As Paul Kember's play vanished from the Royal Court stage before the production could reap the benefits of its *Evening Standard* award, here is another chance to catch up with the work of "the most promising playwright of 1980".

As labels go, that seems pretty fair. *Not Quite Jerusalem* records the experiences of a miscellaneous group of young English volunteers on a kibbutz, all wet behind the ears on arrival and variously sadder and wiser at the end. Mr Kember writes as if he knows his subject at first hand and has the resolution to build his plot out of everyday incidents; and selects his material so as to present a controlled experiment in living together for a national team who are famously not very good at it.

On the negative side, the everyday-life approach denies the piece any strong forward drive, and the metaphorical element is delivered in a solemn, didactic finale instead of arising from the story itself.

The two acts might be subtitled "work" and "play", and the first is much the better of the two. In it we see the unhappy volunteers arriving in the midst of a desert rainstorm and miserably getting acquainted under the unsympathetic gaze of an Israeli liaison officer and a strapping kibbutz girl, Gila, with a strong (and, as it

proves, well founded) prejudice against the English.

There are a couple of working-class boys, one fresh from sight-seeing in Tel Aviv ("that took a good half-hour"), a self-styled Birmingham nurse with cultural pretensions, and Mike, a Cambridge drop-out — the obvious group-leader who characteristically turns the job down.

With introductions out of the way, the action moves on to the kibbutz, where Mr Kember keeps up an ingenious flow of comic breaking, showing Mike breaking through Gila's belligerent defences with a well-placed gag, and the nurse fainting dead away at the sight of blood. Meanwhile, the kibbutz ethic is gradually unfolding, and sharpening up the contrast between Israeli direct enthusiasm and British evasive apathy.

That comes to a head in the second act, where the chore of appearing in the camp show turns the working-class boys into a Crazy Gang medley ending with a sudden claspdown at which the Israelis decide to throw them out.

It is quite logical, but Mr Kember's invention flags as his message begins to loom. Perhaps the boys were saying something about the democratic farce of England. But the action sits down when it no longer has work routines to hang on to. Mike, as soon as he gets the girl, turns from an amusing ironist into an indecisive weed beyond even David Threlfall's sympathetic powers. And such dramatic overkill is practised

on the other Brits that you are much more aware of them as two yobs and a spinster hysteric than as victims of impoverishing backgrounds. There remains some excellent comic acting in Les Waters's production, particularly from Kevin McNally as Harlow's own laughing boy and Leslee Udwin as the seductively pugnacious tractor-girl.

Irving Wardle

Love in Vain

Tricycle

Bob Mason may be too new to playwrighting to recognize the chances he missed. In retelling the story of Robert Johnson he pushes straight through the chronology from the time the boy ran away from a Mississippi plantation

at the age of 16 to the moment of his death by poison a decade later in 1938. He invents the life from Johnson's blues songs; supposing that Betty Mae was the childhood sweetheart whom he left behind to a savage husband and casual whoring, and that she kills him in a recording session at the urging of his entire home town.

Though the death is the inevitable end, and will be known to admirers of Johnson's music and anyone who bothers to read the programme notes, it is not actually a climactic event. There is one fine gimmick in the ending, which inaccurately has Johnson recording his last songs after being told by his manager that she has poisoned him. Julius Littman, who is a physically pale but musically strong copy of Johnson, is at his best in that last scene, refusing to die, or do anything about the poison, until he has made sure

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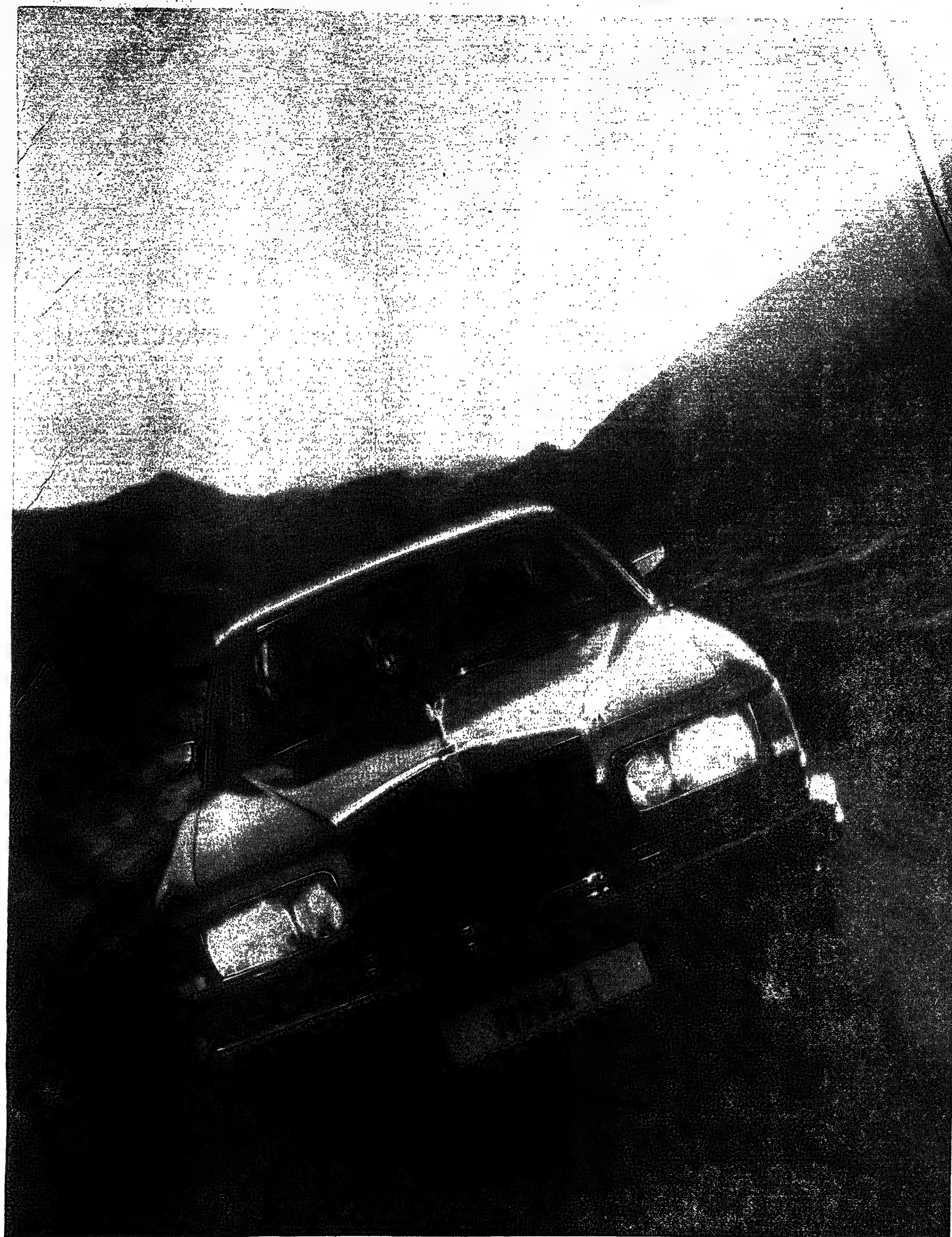
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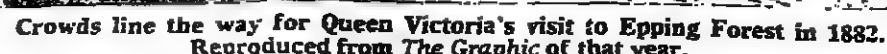


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urring of the two options
by default than anything

This then is the Polish paradox: it is the reformists, those who want to see a new, improved Communist

The Polish hard line Marxists give this line of thought little time. With

But during all this infighting, the essential issue — Poland's destiny — is at best neglected, at worst exploited for personal advantage. General Jaruzelski is manifestly a patriot who employed the military for patriotic purposes; that much he must be credited for. But over the last four months, the source of his power — military support for the rebuilding of trust in Communist Party government — has become a source of paralysis.



the freedom to roam places that are the straightforward norm in countries such as Norway and Switzerland. There is formal access to only around 400,000 of the 1.5 million acres of common land. And, to list a final example in which injury may be added to insult, farmers have won the extraordinary freedom to turn potentially dangerous bulls out into fields with public rights of way across them.

The industrial revolution changed all that, and it radically altered the politics of the countryside. Wordsworth, an occasional trespasser, told an irate landowner who remonstrated with him: "I broke your wall down, Sir John. It was obstructing an ancient right of way, and I will do it again: I am a Tory, but scratch me on the back deep enough and you will find the Whig in me."

Against all this, 20 per cent of the population take what could be called serious walks in the country. This is the make or break decade", says David Clark, chairman of COSFPS, who introduced his own unsuccessful access Bill in January. There is all the evidence in the world of people's desire to walk for recreation, and plenty of high-level Civil Service and Royal Commission evidence that walkers do precious little damage.

Fifty years ago this Saturday, April 24, 1932, several hundred ramblers, inspired and led by young socialists, organized a mass trespass of the Scouse hills in the East District. Until 1836 Kinder had been "King's Land", and was prized and unchallenged walking country until it fell to private ownership and grouse.

This Saturday will see Bernard Rothman, a leader of the trespass, at the head of a celebratory re-enactment. Not all those Sheffield and Manchester youths who were members of the formal movement for access, but the late and lamented Howard Hill did, and his *Freedom to Roam* remains a touching account of the aspirations which led the Ramblers' League to start its annual fight for legislation for walkers' rights.

And it was Canon Hardwicke Rawnsley, doughy fighter against bad white bread and slate quarry railways in the Lakes — and a Ruskinite who became chaplain to King Edward VII — who led the Keswick and District Footpaths Association in several barrier-bashing forays on footpaths which had been blocked by farmers. Two thousand people took a disputed road on Larigot, a 18th-century Colonel Rawnsley's banner. They won access eventually (as did the mass trespassers in the case of Kinder), and a movement was born which became the National Trust.

But the opposition is hugely powerful, the farming and landowning lobby will at the very least claim expensive compensation in exchange for access, in spite of the ethical dubiousness of the private Bills by which their forefathers first got rid of it.

The Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society is relaunching itself as the Commons Society, its quaint name will be a pity (its new one is as yet unknown), but will perhaps betoken the growing realization that it is the very quaintness and inappropriateness of the laws and myths surrounding public rights in the country which must bedevil them.

The amenity groups are looking for a new law, and for proper political awareness of the issues.

It came in the form of the National Parks and Access to Countryside Act 1949, which has proved finer in rhetoric than action. The National Parks have been constantly eroded and access to the countryside is very patchy, even to wilderness areas where only sheep graze and grouse lurk.

Our own age adds to some of the old problems and adds several of its own. Andrew Bennett says that worst perhaps, is the virtual banishment of walkers from the roads and lanes by their worst enemy, the car. And farmers turn thousands of acres of meadowland (on which one can walk) into barley prairie (on which one cannot). Survey after survey show that footpaths are seldom, way marked, which local authorities are statutorily obliged to ensure, and that farmers routinely plough or obstruct footpaths, which they have a statutory obligation not to do.

Towards this end, the Council for the Protection of Rural England is testing the candidates in the forthcoming Oxfordshire district council elections (polling day, May 6) on their attitudes to the proposal that there should be renewed access into the 2,000 acres of Wychwood Forest, which has been effectively closed over recent years in spite of a long tradition of footpath usage there.

The proposals by Andrew Bennett — he is Labour MP for Stockport North — are modest enough; among them the local authorities should be asked to make a requirement to keep open wild paths there are, and be more vigorous in invoking the powers that already exist to create new ones; and that wilderness land should be open to walkers. The Charter notes the two quite separate needs of walkers: for rights of way on land where it would be impractical for them to roam freely, and for the right to roam on land where it is manifest they will do no harm.

Legal moves are now afoot by Corpus Christi College, Oxford, and others to undo some of the protection recently accorded the commons, and some landowners are said to be exploring a loophole in footpath protection opened up by the notorious Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

The election day marks the exact centenary of Queen Victoria's declaration of people's freedom to use Epping Forest. It might yet make a marvellous celebration by nothing up some commitment to improve the access arrangements for Oxfordshire's walkers by which only 111 of the country's 27,000 acres of woodland are currently accessible.

Lord McCarthy: any advance on January?

As Lord McCarthy finalizes his report on flexible rostering, to be presented later this month, there is weary resignation at British Rail that he will again "fudge the issue". He is, in their view, a compulsive fudger of any issue put before him. They believe he will show this by commending more flexible working for drivers without requiring it of them. That will leave the dispute exactly where it was before the damaging January strikes; and the Board with an even more difficult and painful

precipitate further industrial action, condemning the country to more disruption and inconvenience, and British Rail to more damage it can ill afford. And for what, it may be asked? An immediate saving of perhaps £15m a year, or 1 per cent of BR's annual staff costs.

Should it swallow hard and go along with a McCarthy policy of gradualism, accepting that, after years of sweet conciliation, Sir Peter Parker inadvertently picked the wrong ground when he suddenly decided on confrontation.

Or should it, as the hard men of the board believe, put the boot in, by imposing on others a change they have failed to negotiate? That would almost certainly

To take that road, it is argued, is to play into the hands of a government hostile to rail which, while unhappy about public disruption, is entirely happy with a public demonstration of the incompetence of a public sector industry and the selfish bigotry of a trade union.

Why there is so little action at Acton

patch, or visible suggestion of his blindness.

High Whitmore, who wrote the plays, claims historical accuracy is on his side. Nelson lost the sight of his right eye, but not the eye itself, in Corsica in 1794. He did not usually wear a patch indoors, and though he did wear it on deck during battles, it is assumed it was taken off when he was injured at Trafalgar and carried below decks to die.

Baker's roll call

Even now they have not taken all the poetry out of politics. Tonight there will be a gathering of ministers at Victoria station. No, not an evacuation, but a book launch for *London Lines*, an anthology of poetry about the capital edited by Kenneth Baker, our very cultivated Minister of Industry and Information Technology.

against stiff (though fortunately not literally so) competition at the new University Bazaar.

Elizabeth, who owns six teddy bears, one of which she was clutching for luck, won £1,600.

Her Cleveland Smokey, a heady mixture of smoked ham, red and green apples and mango chutney butter on wheatmeal bread, swept the board in the hand-held sandwich class: her Chicken and Crumble, with bacon, dried chicken and avocado pear, bound in natural yoghurt and fresh cream flavoured with coriander and tabasco on brown bread, took the honours in the knife and fork section.

Double decker

An arctophile, a lover of bears, triumphed in the finals of the sandwich of the year competition yesterday. Elizabeth Walker, a restaurant manageress at ICL's Wilton plant on Merseyside, carried off both first prizes.

What she could do with some sliced grizzly I hesitate to imagine, but bear's paw is a well-established oriental delicacy.

One swallow

Dolamore, the independent wine merchants by appointment to the Queen, are to be distributors for the world's smallest hot water

Underberg's two centilitre bottles — which is how the digestive nips called Underberg are often described.

Underberg's two centilitre bottles are supposed to be drained at a gulp for best restorative effect after a good meal. Some rate them as a hangover cure too, and Germans, who are renowned for gross appetites, swallow a million a day.

The red-stoppered bottles, wrapped in brown paper, bear the legend *Semper idem*, but legend I fear it is. Since Hubert Underberg founded the firm with a secret family recipe in 1846 it has been found that some of the herbs from 43 countries included in the original brew were actually

poisonous, and they are now omitted. Moreover, the proof — hitherto a high 84 degrees — is about to be reduced in an effort to keep down the price, as well as

... not a sip

They said anything could happen. Michael McNair-Wilson, Conservative MP for Newbury, thought he was being very diplomatic when he laid in a bottle of Smirnoff vodka to entertain Nicolai Ouspensky, First Secretary at the Soviet Embassy, who had agreed to address a meeting on disarmament in his constituency.

Alas, the Russian refused point blank to drink it. "That is not vodka," he said. "It does not taste of anything. That is a drink for Americans".

Bank after bank in the United States is urging its customers to "put your money in the IRA". The initials, I am relieved to say, stand for Individual Retirement Account.

Opium's slave

Colin Davison, of Bransholme, near Hull, has discovered letters written by William Wilberforce, the anti-slavery campaigner, which are said to reveal that he enjoyed opium. A Sorbey's expert says: "They could be extremely valuable."

Yet as Alethea Hayter, the author of *Opium and the Romantic Imagination*, confirms, the

opium addict most of his life is well known. He first took the drug while suffering an internal disorder. It became a habit which lasted 45 years.

Wülfenforce was in good company. Apart from Thomas de Quincey, other nineteenth century figures who used the drug, which Baudelaire called his *vieille et terrible amie*, included Coleridge, Wilkie Collins, Edgar Allan

Holy Muppet

That the Queen's press secretary, Michael Shea, really referred to Her Majesty as "Miss Piggyface" I cannot imagine, but I venture to suggest it would not be too terrible if he had. My illustration suggests the world's most beautiful Muppet may have been a Hindu goddess in a previous incarnation. It comes from the catalogue of the Hayward gallery exhibition *In the Image of Man*, which has featured the Miss Piggy look-alike as Varahi, the female elephant-goddess. Varaha, boar incarnation of Vishnu, is the

Basil's forte

Basil Fawley has won the Queen's award for export achievement. John Cleese, his creator, is naturally delighted. Video Arts, the company which makes training films and which distributes two episodes of *Fawlty Towers* as such, subsidised Cleese's income while he was preparing the television series.

The Birmingham Chamber of Industry and Commerce has cancelled a trade visit to Argentina this October because of the Falklands invasion. They will go instead to Chile.

Hamlet's ghost?

Anthony Andrews, lately of *Brideshead Revisited*, tells me the Algonquin Hotel in New York has found a successor to Hamlet, its white and marmalade cat who died of kidney failure after 12 years' service and sociability.

The hotel, much favoured by literary and theatrical men, has recruited a cat of uncannily familiar appearance who has duly been christened Hamlet II.

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FIRST PRINCIPLES FIRST

When begin with blows, but then reverse come upon them they have recourse to words," said the Athenians long before such a device occurred to Argentina. The crisis of the Falkland Islands has been provoked by their decision to invade, not by the 150-year-old history of disputed claims between Britain and Argentina over the sovereignty of those islands. There may have been occasions during that time when Britain has refused to discuss the dispute or negotiate aspects of it. However, there have also been occasions, notably in 1948, when Britain offered to join with Argentina in a referral to the International Court at the Hague. Argentina refused; an act which was hardly consistent with its oft-proclaimed view of the soundness of its claim to sovereignty.

Inevitably, in negotiations, the desire to reach agreement threatens both sides' desire to secure objectives. When we have a period of negotiations interrupted by an aggression, the only sound principle to apply is to restore the situation to that which obtained before the aggression. Failure to do so would only encourage every negotiator to seek to advance his cause by recourse to aggressive tactics whenever the pace of negotiations frustrated him. Yet the peaceful resolution of all disputes lies at the very heart of contemporary international law.

The British Government is wise therefore to avoid being hustled into accepting any formula offered by Argentina through Mr Haig simply because the world community would prefer the disputants to reach any agreed agreement sooner rather than a clearer one later. The world community is only a community because it has come to respect certain laws and conventions — certain modes of behaviour between states — which it has as much interest in respecting and preserving as Britain has. Those laws, that convention, have been flouted by Argentina; if the world community, in the interests of a quiet life, or under the particular influence of regional or post-colonial prejudices which have no relevance to this general principle, nevertheless wants to forget the principle, Britain must not forget it herself; and Argentina must come, perforce, to remember it.

Mr Haig's return to Washington indicated that he felt he had extracted all possible concessions from President Galtieri's Junta. It was right that he did not fly back to London with the Argentine proposals. That would seem to have implied that there was something which he felt he could endorse to the British Government and such an implication would have put undesired pressure on British ministers to appear cooperative. Mr Haig has not endorsed the Argentine proposals; and Mr Pym's forthcoming visit to Washington is rightly conceived as a British desire to continue negotiating while the fleet, which may have to squeeze more out of Argentina than Mr Haig has been able to

squeeze, continues its passage south. Nelson described a fleet of British ships of war as the "best negotiators in Europe"; that may now have to apply, even more, so to the South Atlantic.

The original ingredients of this crisis are thus still with us, and virtually unchanged since the day of the first aggression. First, there is the law, both in regard to sovereignty and to the resolution of disputes between states. It is not necessary to go into copious legal detail to establish that Britain's title to sovereignty over the Falkland Islands was absolutely lawful at the time it was originally established, and — whatever new circumstances now apply — that is still the legal basis on which sovereignty is assessed. Moreover, the claim by Argentina to extend its continental shelf to include the Falkland Islands is not only legally questionable as regards the shelf, but, even if valid, would not affect the issue of sovereignty of the land above the shelf. The Falklands belong to Britain.

Legally speaking, the invasion was also in breach of all current international laws. It was in breach of the UN Charter to refrain from the use of force against a country's territorial integrity and it was also in breach of the general obligation to pursue disputes through peaceful means. Finally, in law, Britain is fully covered under Article 51 to take action against aggression consistent with its inherent right of self defence though such action must be limited and proportionate. Nothing yet planned or suggested — task force, exclusion zone, or even reoccupation — exceeds that right.

The next aspect of the crisis concerns the people of the Falklands. There is again an undeniable legal right recognized by the international community to enable peoples to have self determination, either by independence, or through associate status, or by integration with other countries; but all by consent. The Falklanders are undeniably a "people" in this sense; and such a people is entitled to express its wishes through its elected leadership. So the Argentine invasion is also in breach of Article 24 of the UN Charter, concerning the right of all peoples to self-determination. In the interests of preserving respect for international law, therefore, enshrined in the UN Charter, and amplified by the recent Security Council resolution, nothing can or should now be agreed to which compromises those legal principles.

The third dimension of the crisis is the position of the two Governments at odds with each other. We have to respect the fact that, though illegal, the Argentine invasion represents perhaps the only popular event in recent Argentine history. The uncertainties and tensions within the Junta, and perhaps an underlying sense of Spanish machismo appalled at the prospect of losing a contest of wills with a woman, are not unimportant psychological factors when assessing the capacity of Argentina to give way on these fundamental

principles. But one should not be too bamboozled or seduced by such an argument. Argentina has shown in its dispute with Chile that it resolutely disregards the verdicts of mediators when they go against it. Several times Argentina and Chile have taken their dispute about the Beagle Channel to a mediator and when each time the verdict has gone to Chile, Argentina has revoked its agreement to abide by the verdict. The precedents therefore are discouraging.

Of course, there is much to negotiate about after these principles have been vindicated. There can be some room for an Argentine presence on the Falklands during the period when the wishes of the Islanders are being determined — though only under the most stringent conditions. There can also be a greater readiness on the part of the British Government to recognize that the issue of sovereignty is in dispute, emotionally, if not legally, and has to be resolved sometime soon. Perhaps Britain should suggest to Argentina that it is now taken to the Hague, where it belongs more than in the operations rooms of opposing navies.

It is held that overemphasis on the interests of the Islanders artificially narrows the issue and excludes a wider interest which should concern Britain's relationships with the whole continent of Latin America. But there are two sides to this argument. The frontiers of Latin America are not hermetically sealed with the authority of history. Disputes abound, which might find a new stimulus in the spectacle of Argentina successfully achieving an extension to her frontiers, and the upholding of a spurious claim, simply by force of arms. Belize is under threat; so is Guyana; Peru and Bolivia both contain strong revanchist claims on Chile; as does Argentina itself in the Beagle Channel. Moreover the arguments which Argentina maintains to uphold its claim to the Falklands might entitle Mexico some time in the future to advance the same kind of theories for reclaiming much of the Pacific southwest from the United States. Mr Haig — or more particularly Mrs Kirkpatrick — might brood seriously on that implication.

Obviously Britain's interests in Latin America will be damaged by a refusal to compromise on this dispute without letting the situation deteriorate further, perhaps even to the point where a serious political crisis is provoked in Argentina. That damage to Britain will have to be weighed up against an even wider interest in the world, to uphold international law, and to be seen to be a country which has the will and capacity to honour its word not only in legal matters but in the much more crucial area of the defence of its people. "Britain has no eternal allies; and no eternal enemies. Only our interests are eternal," said Lord Palmerston. Our interests here require us to resolve this dispute peacefully if possible, but only in accordance with first principles.

THE TEMPTATION OF CHEAP PROMISES

The further away a party feels itself to be from political power, the sillier the promises it will make in order to win it. As the local elections approach, the Labour Party is again flirting with the temptation to make exactly the same mistake if it gains national power as it made last time it did so, in 1974. The National Executive has not yet given its blessing to the proposal, publicly launched this week, for a year's freeze on council rents, but the pressures within the party to do so are strong.

In normal circumstances Labour would now be looking forward to dramatic gains in local elections fought against an unpopular government, for seats last contested at a moment when Labour itself was at a low point of popularity. But the decline in trust for Labour, and the rise of the Alliance, may have changed all that. Gains may well be modest. An eye-catching selling-point is needed, and a rents freeze may win some votes from tenants smarting from recent rent rises.

But some leaders in the party remember what happened after 1974. Whether they prevail or not will provide a clue to the current balance of power inside the party between Her Majesty's alternative Government and the vendors of undated promises and haywire theories. When Labour came to power, average council rents were 7.9 per cent of average earnings. The year's freeze ended at about the same time as inflation began to gather pace

as a result of the Government's other mismanagements. It was judged to be politically impossible to make up the lost ground, and by the time Labour lost office average rents had fallen to no more than 6.3 per cent of average earnings — far below the level required even to cover housing management and maintenance costs.

The new administration came to power determined to reverse this trend decisively: after successive increases, average rents have risen this month to a level twice as high, in cash terms, as that of 1979. Mr Gerald Kaufman, chief Opposition spokesman on housing, claimed in December that this would bring them up to nine per cent of average earnings. The increase is certainly a stiff one over a short period, representing a larger rise in housing costs than families in other tenures have had to face.

But it is striking that there has been no strong movement of protest against the increases, even in London, where Mr Peter Tatchell has been busily promoting the idea of a rent strike. Undoubtedly this is because of the energetic steps taken to improve provision for tenants who find it hard to pay. A quarter of all tenants will have had their month's increase wholly met by supplementary benefit; another quarter qualify for rebates meeting 60 per cent of it. Maximum rebates have been trebled, and eligibility widened. That is the right approach. Council housing

should not be charity housing for the poor. A quarter of tenant households today have an income of £8,000 or more. Subsidy aimed effectively at those who need it is the way to ensure that the sector does not sink further towards charitable status.

Responsible Labour leaders know that. All the time the party was courting popularity in the seventies by shirking necessary increases, its official policy was that "over a period of years rents should keep broadly in line with changes in money incomes". The consequences of failure to live up to that principle were soon apparent. As real rents fell, central subsidy to housing had to rise — by almost a fifth in real terms. The more subsidy the revenue account swallowed up, the less was available for capital spending.

As early as 1975 housing starts began to fall; by 1979 the headlong decline was in full spate. Wider public spending cuts continued until last year in spite of rising rents, but at the end of last year starts were 16 per cent up on a year earlier. Mr Peter Shore means, if he becomes Chancellor, to revive the economy with public works, especially in housing. If he does not head off the people in his party who can see no further than May, he will find, if he gets his chance, that the resources he needs for his investment will stream away into subsidies for the tenants who do not need them.

Keeping vehicles off pavements

From Mr Graham Chabney

A recently published Government report tells us (report, April 16) that our pavements and footways are deteriorating, that millions of pounds in compensation are paid annually to pedestrians who have fallen and sustained injuries as a result, and that much of the blame for the situation attaches to vehicles which mount the pavement.

The average walker in most British urban areas does not need a 100-page report to know this. The encroachment of cars, lorries and motor cycles on to the pavement is a rapidly spreading offence. With streets increasingly congested and parking space increasingly hard to find, motorists now look upon pavements as an opportune extension of their domain, regardless of the rights of pedestrians or of the fact that driving on the pavement contravenes the Highway Act of 1935 (Section 7 of the Road Traffic Act of 1974, which specifically bans parking on the pavement, though passed by Parliament, has yet to be implemented).

There are many streets in the West End of London, to take only one example, where the walker now often finds his way totally blocked and is obliged to risk his person in the carriageway. The police often claim to have more important offences to deal with, but surely it is in the interest of local councils, who have to foot the bill for smashed pavements and other damage, to try to check this abuse. The solution in many urban areas would seem to be simple: large numbers of strategically placed bollards. Bollards from pre-motorised times have constituted the pedestrian's traditional protection against wheeled menace; they need not be unsightly nor expensive; certainly the single expense of their installation would compare favourably with the endless outlay on pavement repairs.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM CHABNEY,
47 St Barnabas Road,
Canterbury,
April 18.

University Principal

From the Vice-Chancellor of the University of London

Sir, It is bad enough to read in *The Times* (April 20) of an appointment to the Principality of London University before ever such an appointment has been made. But to read in addition the names of allegedly unsuccessful candidates is still more seriously disturbing.

April as "the cruellest month" is one characteristic of *Elton's Waste Land* too, and I recall that in April, 1981, Lord Scarman had to protest to you in the strongest terms of "the damage" you had caused "to the true interests of a great university" and the embarrassment, even distress, to individuals.

That was in connection with the Vice-Chancellorship. This new irresponsibility deserves equally vigorous reproof and equally profound apology to the gentlemen named. Yours faithfully,
RANDOLPH QUIRK,
University of London,
Senate House,
Malet Street, WC1,
April 20.

Channel tunnel

From Mr Roger Coombs

Sir, Your leader on the doubtful future of the Channel tunnel (April 14) suggests that British Rail's "mousehole" raises no environmental problems. In the same breath you declare, somewhat wistfully, how pleasant it would be to have "car and container trains from Kent to all parts of Europe".

Not so, Sir, for the people of Kent and those who love its byways of orchards and hop gardens! If the mousehole is to emerge in Kent at the kind of road-rail interchange you hanker after then our rural roads would be ravaged by intolerable traffic funneled from all parts of the country — an environmental consequence that has been continually discounted by politicians and planners.

Your comment on the Cairncross report also suggests a crucial difference between the 1974 and 1982 concepts — the abandonment of the high-speed rail link between London and the tunnel. This above all other factors makes the rail scheme ineffectual and uncompetitive compared with existing ways of crossing the Channel. Yours faithfully,
ROGER COOMBS,
Spindles,
Goudhurst, Kent.

Chiming in concert

From Professor Sydney A. Urry

Sir, Many quarts watches now on the market possess a so-called hourly chime. I am sure that this facility serves a useful purpose but at a recent Barbican concert I found that these timepieces can be distracting during a quiet passage in the music. What will happen if these devices become universal among audiences? The accuracy of the timekeeping might result in two thousand of them, sounding simultaneously. At a conference on micro-chip technology, this might not be inappropriate but in the theatre it could only lead to weight to Othello's cry, "Silence that dreadful bell!" Yours faithfully,
SYDNEY A. URRY,
12 Whitfield Road,
Rugbyden Valley,
High Wycombe,
Buckinghamshire,
April 15.

British principles in Falklands context

From Lord Jenkins of Putney

Sir, The talk of principles in connection with the Falklands dispute, whether in Parliament or in your columns, is singularly unconvincing. The country of Suez, Cyprus, Diego Garcia and the British Nationality Act cannot effectively disguise its current bout of post-imperial jingoism as a world crusade against aggression. Only yesterday we were pocketing the dictator's pesos in exchange for the military means of his attack, and even now our bankers are once again taking the view that it may be unpatriotic but it makes sense not to be too financially tough on the aggressor.

I am no more a supporter of President Reagan than of Mrs Thatcher, but Lord Bethell's argument (April 16) that by working to secure a peaceful solution of the Falklands crisis the United States is demonstrating "Nato's doubtful devotion to democracy is outrageous. To say the least of it, it is a very ungracious response to Mr Haig's untiring efforts to get us out of this mess."

If we are so concerned to teach aggressors a lesson why did we find the Turkish invasion of Cyprus, where we had forces on the spot, so acceptable that Turkey is still in democratic Nato? Is its junta so much better than the Argentine one?

Of course, any American Government, North or South, is an American Government and must regard our retention of the Falklands as a colonial hangover which we should have shed long ago. It is no use prating about the "sacramentality of the islands" because the Americans know we can be bribed. For some nuclear weaponry for Poland on the cheap, we not merely abandoned more of the Queen's subjects than live on the Falklands to their fate; we threw them off Diego Garcia into abject poverty in Mauritius and handed over their depopulated island to the U.S. Forces. The Americans and others also know that only a few weeks ago this principle of sovereignty over the Falklands was the fully British status they reluctantly had to concede to the Gibraltarians.

It is time we came off it and adjusted ourselves to our real status in the world, which is that of the most artistic nation on earth.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH JENKINS,
House of Lords,
April 17.

From Mr Derrick Wyatt

Sir, If the United Kingdom and Argentina are in dispute about the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands, which is a legal dispute if ever there was one, the International Court of Justice would appear to provide a more appropriate means of settlement than indirect negotiation.

Let the Argentine troops withdraw, and the fleet stay in hand, pending the decision of the

court (this would certainly provide ample time for tempers to cool). If sovereignty were awarded to Argentina, we would repatriate the Islanders, and take any further steps necessary to comply with the court's judgment. If British sovereignty were confirmed we would continue to administer the islands, subject to any agreement to the contrary with Argentina at any time in the future.

I would find it reassuring if our Government confirmed its willingness to countenance such a peaceful and definitive settlement of the Falklands dispute. To do so could hardly diminish our international standing.

Yours sincerely,
DERRICK WYATT,
St Edmund's Hall, Oxford.

From Mrs Joyce Chaplin

Sir, In the scurry to force this country to hand over the Falkland Islands to Argentina, has the question of what Argentina might do with them been discussed?

Will any hand-over include a provision that the islands will not do so could hardly diminish our international standing.

Yours faithfully,
JOYCE CHAPLIN,
Flat 1,
76 Shooters Hill Road, SE3.

From Mr Christopher Taylor

Sir, After their advice to athletics about competing in Moscow, and to cricketers playing in South Africa, what are the British Government going to say to footballers who are due to take part with Argentina in the World Cup?

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR,
5 Park Crescent,
Cuddington,
Northwich,
Cheshire,
April 18.

From Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that ilk, QC

Sir, It may be that the only negotiations with Argentina will be very properly limited to the amount of reparations they are to pay the British taxpayer by way of civil damages for expenses incurred by the Royal Navy in re-establishing the rule of international law.

Otherwise, I hereby call for Scottish volunteers in honour of our Auld Alliance with France to recover the Channel Islands for the French Republic; and to that we will hand over all North Sea oil to Norway as soon as they (or Denmark) redeem the Orkneys and Shetlands which we only hold in pawn for a royal dowry, unpaid since 1468 but doubtless redeemable now in paper money instead of gold.

Yours truly,
IAIN MONCREIFFE OF THAT ILK,
Easter Moncreiffe,
Perthshire,
April 19.

Christians and war

From the Chairman of the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship

Sir, For any Christian country to go to war is an affront to its professed faith. For two Christian nations to go to war against each other is a blatant denial of that faith.

The bishops of our own national church, meeting in their Lambeth conference, have five times declared that "war as a method of settling international disputes is incompatible with the teaching and example of our Lord Jesus Christ."

At the latest Lambeth Conference in 1978 they went even further and declared that Jesus "made evident that self-giving love, the way of the Cross, is the way to reconciliation in all relationships and conflicts. Therefore the use of violence is ultimately contradictory to the Gospel."

Would the bishops now be willing to tell the nation that this truth does not apply to the present conflict? At the beginning of this century, when Chile and Argentina were about to go to war against each other, they desisted in the name of Christ. Instead, out of old Argentinean cannon, they erected on the border between the two countries a great bronze statue of Christ. The inscription read, and still reads: "These mountains will fall before Argentines and Chileans break the peace sworn at the feet of Christ the Redeemer."

Acting on such a wonderful precedent, could not the two Christian nations involved in the present dispute make peace with one another in the name of Christ, and out of the money they would otherwise have spent in slaughtering one another with expensive and deadly modern weapons build, say, an abbey on the Falkland Islands as a shrine of peace?

Following the example set in these islands of the abbey at Iona, might not such a shrine become the base for a joint Christian mission of peace to the whole world to lead mankind back from the brink of nuclear disaster?

Yours faithfully,
GORDON WILSON,
St John's Vicarage,
14 Dane Bank Avenue,
Crewe, Cheshire.

Lost for words

From Mrs Susan M. Lloyd

Sir, As editor of the new edition of *Rogers' Thesaurus*, I am disturbed at the misunderstanding which has arisen over so-called "sexist" terms.

There is, of course, no question of removing such well established words as "mankind" and "countryman" from the *Thesaurus*. What I have tried to do is make the key words throughout more up to date — "essay" becomes "attempt", for instance — and more general so that they reflect correctly the range of words in each paragraph. So, the group of words for country people is now headed "country-dweller" rather than "countryman", but it includes "countryman" and "countrywoman" (in their other senses, of course, these words appear elsewhere. "Country dweller" under "inhabitant" and "fellow countryman and woman" under "maire").

Certainly there is a tendency in modern English to make women more explicit in the language, rather than assume that they are included in such terms as "countryman" or "man in the street". I have therefore taken care to insert female or neutral equivalents where these exist: "master or mistress of the situation", "man or woman in the street", "spokesperson" and so on.

I hope this letter will allay any

Trust to safeguard countryside

From the Chairman of the Exmoor Society

Sir, The energetic action and heavy expenditure on the inner cities described by Michael Heseltine in his article (April 14) contrasts with the failure of efforts to protect the countryside. The sterile controversy between farming bodies (letter, April 5) and conservationists shows that neither side has taken account of current financial and political realities.

A new approach to conservation is needed so that essential landscape is protected at minimum cost to public funds. Exmoor provides a good example of the general problem and also an indication of how it may be solved.

A large area of moorland is to be sold in the near future and there is grave concern that it will be developed for more intensive farming. Much of the land is within the region which Lord Porchester recommended should be retained as open moorland for all time.

We are anxious to avoid a long drawn-out argument over a period of years about management agreements and compensation for restrictions on development. It is preferable that the land should be bought outright and let to farmers subject to covenants that will ensure the continuance of the traditional landscape.

The land could be bought by the National Park Authority, but there will be strong local opposition if money obtained by cutting essential services is used for public purchase. The National Trust already own a substantial estate on Exmoor, but they do not have sufficient funds to buy more and are unable to launch a public appeal as they are already raising large sums for other projects.

As an alternative, the methods used in the inner cities to combine the efforts of public and private enterprise could be applied in the countryside. A special trust could be set up representing the conservation bodies, the Countryside Commission and Nature Conservancy Council, the National Heritage Fund and the National Park Authority. Such a consortium could be used to protect the moorland just as the Groundwork Trust has been established to deal with urban wastelands as a joint enterprise representing the public, private and voluntary sectors.

In addition, such a trust could well point the way towards a system of protecting the most important rural areas in other parts of the country by making available adequate funds which are so conspicuously lacking at present. Yours faithfully,
GUY SOMERSET, Chairman,
The Exmoor Society,
Hoar Oak House,
Alcombe,
Minehead,
Somerset,
April 16.

Church unity

From the Reverend Anthony Thurstfield

Sir, Your assertion in the leader "A fellow-Christian" (April 10) that the Anglican Church is the character of the Roman Catholic Church in Britain" should be rigorously challenged.

As one who has spent over 30 years in parishes in several English counties (I have served in five, well spread over central and southern England) I well know that there are substantial Roman Catholic communities of authentically English lineage, in all sections of society, not least among the professional classes and the Armed Forces. The number of RCs in the world of literature and the arts is, as is well known, very high.

Some writers in your columns, from exalted places, seem to infer that the Anglican Church has, and always has had, a sort of monopoly of fair play and tolerance, which is under threat from the moves towards Anglican-Roman accord. This I fear is not so. I find that parishioners are surprised when I tell them of the near-300 years of civic disabilities which the English state and Church imposed upon RCs until the Catholic Emancipation Act of 1829, for only then were they legally allowed to take service under the Crown in municipal office or in Parliament.

Catholic apologists would be entitled to point this out. Perhaps they are too "English" and reluctant to do so. Are we in the Church of England too uncharitable to admit it? Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY THURSTFIELD,
Reydon Vicarage,
Southwold,
Suffolk,
April 10.

Chronic disorders

From Mr H. C. Seigal

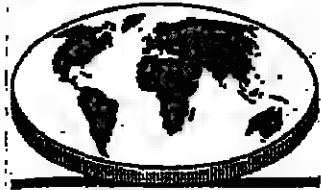
Sir, Mrs Barbara Stalbow complains (April 15) about the pertinacity of sticky labels. Another of the irritations of modern living, and a more serious one, is the impenetrability of plastic wrappings.

Have you, Sir, ever experienced the frustration of trying to puncture the deceptively flimsy covering of a box of chocolates with no other instrument at hand than a blunt fingernail? Have you ever tickled the more serious problem of getting at a slice of supermarket cheese inside its transparent corset?

Yours faithfully,
H. C. SEIGAL,
17 Park Place Villas, W2,
April 16.

BUSINESS NEWS/FOCUS AND COMMENT

INTERNATIONAL



Trade with S. America to increase

Congressman Bill Brock said the United States is intent on increasing trade with South America, including Argentina, when he met reporters in Washington to discuss a trip last week to Argentina, Brazil and Peru. He emphasized that the Falklands crisis, in terms of trade, was not raised.

There have been press reports that the United States might consider trade or other economic sanctions against Argentina, but Mr Brock declined to discuss the reports because of delicate negotiations.

W Germany

West Germany's 1983 gross national product (GNP) will rise 3 per cent in real, or price adjusted terms, from 1982, Dr Otto Lambsdorff, Economics Minister, predicted at the opening of the Hannover Industrial Fair last night.

China

Peking has agreed to increase trade with the Soviet Union by 43 per cent this year, but this involves further planned reduction of capital goods purchases, while raw material imports from Moscow will rise, western economists said here today. The agreement set the value of bilateral trade at \$302m (£18.3m), 43 per cent up on the previous year but far below the 1979 record of \$503.3m.

Turkey

Turkey's foreign debt stood at \$15,090m (£8,672m) in April, the Ankara bank announced in central yesterday. Only \$2,100m of the debt is short-term representing an improvement over 1978-79, when short-term foreign debts which came to as much as half of its total foreign obligations.

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The Queen's Awards

Selling technology to Japan

A firm which became the first British company to export micro-computer software to the Japanese is among the 110 winners of this year's Queen's Awards for export and technology achievement. Awards were made to 91 firms for export achievement and 19 for technological advances. Although the total of 110 was one more than last year, the number of applications received for the awards was down from more than 1200 to only 1079, the lowest since the 1974 oil crisis. The present recession has taken its toll of the number of companies applying for awards in the export sector with only 818 firms having been worthy of consideration this year.

One of the significant features of this year's awards is the number of small companies recognized for their achievements with about 45 per cent of winning firms employing less than 50 people. A typical example of the effectiveness of small companies is Micro Focus, a London-based software firm, which has been established for less than six years. Last year it became the first technological breakthrough. This time its award is for export achievement with almost three quarters of the firm's turnover earned abroad. It

recently became the first British company to export micro-computer software to the Japanese.

An even smaller firm, with a team of only six, has been similarly honoured for its efforts in the production and export of military pyrotechnics, and other defence equipment. Turnover at Richard Unwin International has grown from less than £150,000 in 1979 to around £2.5m last year. Among its product range are simulation systems to reproduce rifle and machine gun fire; mortar, grenade and shell bursts and larger scale explosions.

Another successful small firm is the Clwyd based Tiger Tim products which has won an award for export achievement through the sale of kerosene firelighters to the Middle East, Europe and even the Southern Pacific.

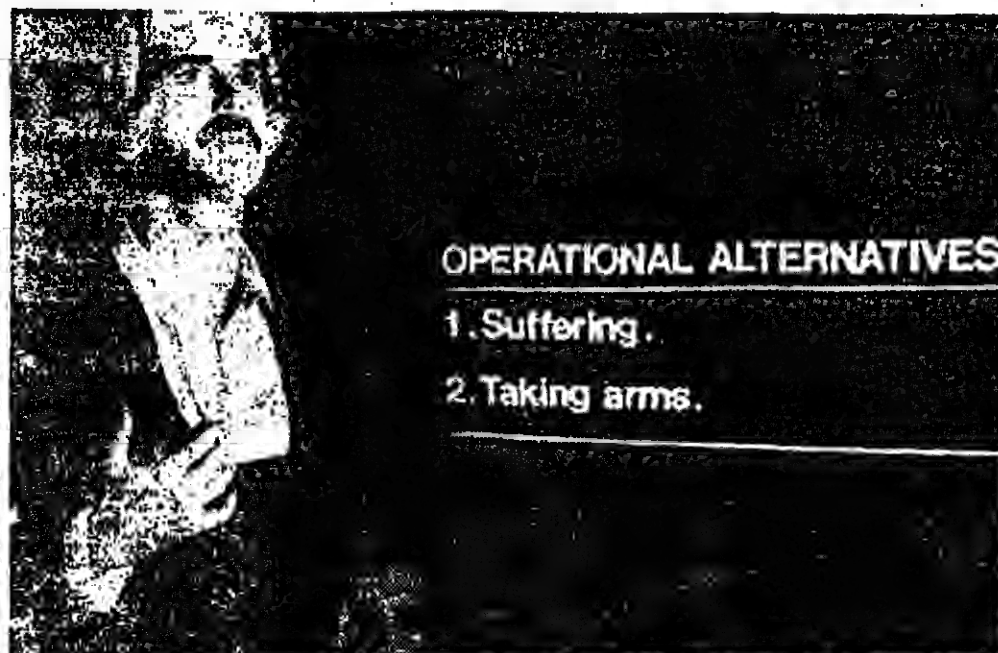
This year one company has received a double award. The Activation Division of Lucas Aerospace has gained an award for its sales of hydraulic and pneumatic actuation systems used in aircraft secondary flying controls, for which it also won an award last year. At the same time the division wins a technology award for its innovative work in gas turbine engine re-heat nozzle and thrust reverse actuation systems. This

technology has contributed greatly to aircraft safety through lower fire risk and engine weight.

This year the export awards recognise some of the difficulties British companies have encountered. Seldom seen among the list of export winners are hotel groups, but one such is Comfort Hotels International which operates 27 hotels in Britain and overseas.

The awards also recognize the achievements of the independent Holborn Law Tutors, a college which provides full time degree and professional training for British and overseas students. The college has won the award for the export of its services to some 15 countries mainly in SE Asia and Africa. Merchant bankers Morgan Grenfell win an award, for the second time. It exports its services to most parts of the world, in particular to North America, South-east Asia, South America and the communist countries.

The judges, under the chairmanship of Sir Douglas Wass, joint head of the Home Civil Service, were generally impressed with the overall standard of entries. They believed it was the recession rather than any lack of interest which kept entries at a low level this year. They stressed that the technology awards are made not for inventions, but for products with a definite market and a proven record.



OPERATIONAL ALTERNATIVES

1. Suffering.
2. Taking arms.

To be or not to be... actor John Giese stars in an industrial training film made by his company, Video Arts. A series of such films produced by the company has won a Queen's Award

A. Monk; Morgan Grenfell; Morris Hanbury Jackson Le May; National Supply Company (UK); The Licensing Division of Nedon; T. P. O'Sullivan and Partners; A. H. Philpot & Sons (Milk Powder); Pirelli General; Portals Holdings; The Fragrance Division of PFF International; Quest Automation Systems; The R H P Precision Division of R H P Bearings; The Avionics Division of Racal-Decca Navigator; Racal Security; Ramson & Rapier; Rodland Automation; Roy Manufacturing Co (Fashion); Ruston Gas Turbines; Shackleton Engineering; Simon Food Engineers; The United Kingdom Overseas Group of Smith Kline & French Laboratories; The Cheltenham

Division of Smiths Industries Aerospace and Defence Systems; Stewart Wiles, Somerset; T. I. Chesterfield; Tiger Tim Products; Richard Unwin International; V. G. Edwards of Enfield, Middlesex - for advancing technology in the automatic handling of non-ferrous metals extruded by hydraulic presses up to 7000 tons.

The Scottish Group of Ferranti, Ferry Road, Edinburgh - for the development of an production of a Combined Map and Electronic Display (COMED) for use in military aircraft.

Provision for taxation was £196,000 against £273,000 in 1980. After a deduction of £9,000 for minorities, £711,000 was attributable to shareholders against £701,000 last time.

BOUSTEAD Optimism after first quarter

Boustead, the commodity trading and engineering group, reports that first quarter trading this year shows no definite upturn but it detects some signs of improvement.

But for the last year to December pretax profits tumbled to £1.42m from £2.1m. Sales in the period rose 16 per cent to £44.44m. The final dividend has been held unchanged at 1.78p and the group's shares moved a 1p up to 61p.

Operating profits were down to £1.66m, compared with £2.88m, but interest charges were up at £1m against £454,000. Investment income was nearly doubled at £525,000. Associated companies profits were £303,000, compared with a loss last time of £262,000.

Mr Alan Charton, chairman, says results reflect the worldwide recession. In the United Kingdom, he adds, industrial operations were badly hit in the first half but recovered in the latter six months. Boustead's specialist manufacturing, King Trainers, benefited particularly with more than doubled profits.

The group's Singapore companies, notably the trading and shipping subsidiaries, achieved satisfactory results despite increased competition. But the Boustead Singapore Group saw profits down 31 per cent, mainly due to poor trading at the Australian subsidiary.

Last year the group sold all its plantation activities with the sale of its Taiping plantation in Malaysia under

HAMILTON OIL Two shutdowns

Hamilton Oil Great Britain, the United Kingdom offshoot of the United States Hamilton Brothers company, which flopped as a stock market newcomer last year from £18.8m to £13.1m.

The group, most of whose income comes from 28.8 per cent interest in the North Sea's Argyll field, suffered from two shutdowns during the year. One was a scheduled eight-week stoppage for structural modifications to the platform. The other, for six weeks, was caused by unusually severe storms.

WILLIAM LOW £3.2m cash call

William Low, the Dundee-based supermarket chain which last year closed its troubled fast food subsidiary, MacTatties, is calling on shareholders for £3.2m.

At the rights issue, at 145p the rights issue, a pretax profits forecast for the year to September of not less than £2.2m compared with £1.8m earned on the previous year. This brings Low closer to its former record when in 1979 it made £2.4m before tax.

The cash call, on one for three basis, is a short term measure to bolster the effect of the group's interest charges and reduce borrowings but will add to its capital base. Low's shares slipped to 198p.

Low, Scotland's largest independent supermarket retailer, reports half-time profits ahead at £1.05m in the six months to March compared with £835,756. Sales from continuing activities rose to £63.16m against £57m last time.

The half-time dividend is held at 3p gross. At the operating level profits were £1.47m, against £1m, but losses from the discontinued fast food business were down at £109,376 compared with £196,180. Int-

MICROWAVES USM listing

Continental Microwave (Holdings), a leading manufacturer of radio frequency electronic systems, used extensively in television and defence equipment, is set to come to the Unlisted Securities Market following the placing by brokers Stock Beech of 248,000 25p ordinary shares at 260p.

This represents 24 per cent of the total issued share capital, giving the group a capitalisation of £26.7m. Of the shares being placed, 180,000 are being sold by existing shareholders, with 68,000 new shares, raising a net £110,000 of new capital. Dealings on the USM are due to begin on April 28.

UNITED PARCELS Record posted

Road transport group United Parcels, formerly United Carriers, has reported record profits for the year to January 30. Pretax profits rose from £5.04m to £6.05m, on turnover up from £32.5m to £40.19m. The board led by chairman Mr Graham Millard, has declared a final dividend of 3.3p, making a total payment of 4.5p. This is unchanged from 1981.

Base Lending Rates

Bank	Rate
ABN Bank	13%
Barclays	13%
BCCI	13%
Consolidated Crds	13%
C. Hoare & Co	13%
Lloyds Bank	13%
Midland Bank	13%
Nat Westminster	13%
TSB	13%
Williams & Glyn's	13%

* 7 day deposits of sums of £10,000 and over 11.4% £50,000 and over 11.4% delivered on foot.

Business Editor Bed, breakfast and a hangover

The finance bill's proposals on indexation of capital gains tax (CGT) are developing into classic example of the gulf between theoretical correctness and practical disaster.

Acting with the best of fiscal intentions, the Chancellor wants to end the injustice of charging paper gains to capital gains tax by indexing their measurement to the rate of inflation.

But this proposal has caused widespread anxiety: first, over how it affects the popular investment practice of "bed and breakfasting", and second, the complications it causes for future calculations of the tax.

Bed and breakfasting is a means of avoiding or limiting CGT through buying and selling shares in the same stock exchange account. As such, and in the

current phase of the Inland Revenue's assault on tax avoidance, severely restricting it comes as no surprise. Unfortunately, it is emerging that this measure is simply a by-product of the proposal to index CGT and the pooling arrangements for calculating the tax.

Stockbrokers admit that the arrangement was a source of revenue for them, but expressing irritation at how the restrictions have been introduced. Inland Revenue officials deny there was any specific intention to strike at bed and breakfasting. Instead, they say, indexation will make their calculation of CGT liabilities more complex.

This is the rub, however, for stockbrokers who service private clients. The increased complexity of CGT means computer programmes will have to be rewritten, in most cases at considerable expense. There is strong support for official stock exchange representations to the Government.

The formation of the panel, however, says as much about the apparent inaccessibility of the mass of useful commercial information stored in Whitehall as it does about the lack of export knowledge on the part of the small businessman.

According to Mr Harold Yates, vice chairman of the institute's council and chairman of the new committee, the panel hopes to bridge the gap between potential exporters - and existing exporters who may have specific problems and the services that are available in Government departments and organizations like the British Overseas Trade Board (BOTB).

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APRIL 18th Mrs. J. M. Smith, 2nd child, a daughter, Jane, 8lb 10oz, 5ft 10in, born at St. Mary's Hospital, London. Mrs. Smith is the wife of Mr. J. M. Smith, of 12, The Green, London. The father is a member of the Royal Air Force. The mother is a member of the Royal Navy. The child is named after her mother, Jane Smith.

APRIL 19th Mrs. J. M. Smith, 3rd child, a son, John, 8lb 10oz, 5ft 10in, born at St. Mary's Hospital, London. Mrs. Smith is the wife of Mr. J. M. Smith, of 12, The Green, London. The father is a member of the Royal Air Force. The mother is a member of the Royal Navy. The child is named after his grandfather, John Smith.

APRIL 20th Mrs. J. M. Smith, 4th child, a daughter, Jane, 8lb 10oz, 5ft 10in, born at St. Mary's Hospital, London. Mrs. Smith is the wife of Mr. J. M. Smith, of 12, The Green, London. The father is a member of the Royal Air Force. The mother is a member of the Royal Navy. The child is named after her mother, Jane Smith.

APRIL 21st Mrs. J. M. Smith, 5th child, a son, John, 8lb 10oz, 5ft 10in, born at St. Mary's Hospital, London. Mrs. Smith is the wife of Mr. J. M. Smith, of 12, The Green, London. The father is a member of the Royal Air Force. The mother is a member of the Royal Navy. The child is named after his grandfather, John Smith.

APRIL 22nd Mrs. J. M. Smith, 6th child, a daughter, Jane, 8lb 10oz, 5ft 10in, born at St. Mary's Hospital, London. Mrs. Smith is the wife of Mr. J. M. Smith, of 12, The Green, London. The father is a member of the Royal Air Force. The mother is a member of the Royal Navy. The child is named after her mother, Jane Smith.

APRIL 23rd Mrs. J. M. Smith, 7th child, a son, John, 8lb 10oz, 5ft 10in, born at St. Mary's Hospital, London. Mrs. Smith is the wife of Mr. J. M. Smith, of 12, The Green, London. The father is a member of the Royal Air Force. The mother is a member of the Royal Navy. The child is named after his grandfather, John Smith.

APRIL 24th Mrs. J. M. Smith, 8th child, a daughter, Jane, 8lb 10oz, 5ft 10in, born at St. Mary's Hospital, London. Mrs. Smith is the wife of Mr. J. M. Smith, of 12, The Green, London. The father is a member of the Royal Air Force. The mother is a member of the Royal Navy. The child is named after her mother, Jane Smith.

APRIL 25th Mrs. J. M. Smith, 9th child, a son, John, 8lb 10oz, 5ft 10in, born at St. Mary's Hospital, London. Mrs. Smith is the wife of Mr. J. M. Smith, of 12, The Green, London. The father is a member of the Royal Air Force. The mother is a member of the Royal Navy. The child is named after his grandfather, John Smith.

APRIL 26th Mrs. J. M. Smith, 10th child, a daughter, Jane, 8lb 10oz, 5ft 10in, born at St. Mary's Hospital, London. Mrs. Smith is the wife of Mr. J. M. Smith, of 12, The Green, London. The father is a member of the Royal Air Force. The mother is a member of the Royal Navy. The child is named after her mother, Jane Smith.

APRIL 27th Mrs. J. M. Smith, 11th child, a son, John, 8lb 10oz, 5ft 10in, born at St. Mary's Hospital, London. Mrs. Smith is the wife of Mr. J. M. Smith, of 12, The Green, London. The father is a member of the Royal Air Force. The mother is a member of the Royal Navy. The child is named after his grandfather, John Smith.

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APRIL 29th Mrs. J. M. Smith, 13th child, a son, John, 8lb 10oz, 5ft 10in, born at St. Mary's Hospital, London. Mrs. Smith is the wife of Mr. J. M. Smith, of 12, The Green, London. The father is a member of the Royal Air Force. The mother is a member of the Royal Navy. The child is named after his grandfather, John Smith.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
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LOW COST FLIGHTS
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AFRICA TRAVEL LTD.
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ATHENS 47 p.p.
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PERSONAL COLUMNS

HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS
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GREEK ISLANDS FOR A SONG
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BARGAIN SUN
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APRIL AND MAY DEPARTURES
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WORLDWIDE SUPERSAVERS
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CLUB MARK WARNER
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AT A COOL PRICE!
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FRIDGE FREEZERS/COOKERS
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MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
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SERVICES
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FOR SALE
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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear

BBC 1

7.05 Open University: Juggling with Physics. 7.30 Exploring Frequency Space. 7.55 Closedown. 12.30 News Afternoon with Richard Whitmore and Maura Stuart. The weather prospects from Michael Fish. 1.25 Regional news (London and SE only). Financial report and a news summary with subtitles. 1.50 Pebble Mill at One. Included this lunchtime is a cookery spot just Desserts in which cookery expert Michael Smith regales us with mouthwatering recipes for sweets. 1.45 Over the Moon. A See-Saw programme for the very young, presented by Sam Dale (1). 2.00 Closedown. 2.15 Racing from Cheltenham. Julian Wilson introduces the Sean Graham George Duffield Handicap Hurdle (2.30); the Sean Graham Handicap Steeplechase (3.05); and the Sean Graham Hurdle (3.40). The commentators are Peter O'Sullivan and Richard Pagan. 3.55 Regional news (not London).

BBC 2

6.40 Open University: Maths: Functions. 7.05 Argument on Television. 7.30 Functions and Graphs. 7.55 Closedown. 10.20 Play School. 10.45 Closedown. 11.00 Play School.

Alan Badel: BBC 2 9.30pm.

ITV/LONDON

9.30 Caricatures: Barney Google and Snuffy Smith in Judgment for President. 9.40 The World We Live In. A history of the horse. 10.05 The History Makers: Elizabeth the First. 10.30 Elnath. 11.25 Paint Along with Nancy. Landscapes (1). 11.55 The Bubbles (1). 12.00 The Munch Bunch. Adventures of animated vegetables. 12.10 Rainbow. Learning with puppets. 12.30 Play It Again, Ian Carmichael chooses clips from some of his favourite films. 1.00 News. 1.20 Thames news. 1.30 Crown Court. Continuing the case of the young man accused of assaulting his former schoolmaster. 2.00 After Noon Plus. Mary Parkinson investigates cotton clothes. With some high-tech. 2.25 Racing from Epsom. Brough Scott introduces the Warren Stables (2.30); the City and Suburban Handicap (3.05); and the Great Surrey Handicap (3.35) 3.50 Definition (7).

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.30 Today. 6.40 Prayer for the Day. 7.00 Today's News. 7.30 News Headlines. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.30 News Headlines. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather and Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Midweek Henry Kelly. 10.00 News. 10.05 Gardeners' Question Time. 10.15 Daily Service. 10.45 Morning Story. "Alice Suchan and the Mid of Human History" by Fred Unghart. 11.00 News. 11.05 Baker's Dozen. Richard Baker with records. 12.00 News. 12.05 The Other Side of Silence. The novel by Ted Atkinson dramatized in eight parts (3) "A Meeting in Red Square". 12.55 News. 1.00 The World at One. 1.10 The Archers. 1.20 News. 1.30 Woman's Hour. 1.40 News and Travel. 1.50 "Stella Thou Never Wilt" by Alan Badel. 2.47 Time for Verse. George Meredith presents more poems about animals. 4.00 News. 4.05 Pleasures of the Table with Yves Leduc. 4.10 The Right to Roam. The history of the campaign by walkers to gain access to the countryside, and the views of some present-day commentators. 4.20 "Time 2 for Zachariah" by Robert O'Brien (7). 5.00 PM. 5.05 Freshener and Programme. 6.00 News. 6.30 Frank Muir Goes Into. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.50 Midweek (new series). Roger Cooke investigates listeners' experiences of suspect dealing and injustice.

Radio 5

7.45 A World in Common (new series). The first of eight documentary programmes examining the relationships between the richer and the poorer countries of the world. 8.15 Voices in Harmony. Marion Forster presents a showcase for amateur choirs. 8.45 Edward Hoover - Fallen Idol. Anthony Howard presents a critical profile of the man whose FBI, who died 10 years ago. 9.30 Kaleidoscope presented by Paul Vaughan. The programme includes a review of The London Silver 1680-1780 exhibition at the Museum of London which traces the lives of three generations of the Courtland family of goldsmiths; and Terry Hand's new production of Much Ado About Nothing for the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford. 10.00 The World Tonight. 10.20 Detective. A story of crime and detection in London. Part 1. 11.00 A Book at Bedtime: "The Great Brown-Pinkerton Motor" by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00 News. 12.05 ENGLAND: VHF - with 11 above except as follows: 6.25-6.30 am Weather and Travel. 6.30-6.40 am News. 6.40-6.55 am P.M. (continued). 11.00 Study on 4. 11.30-12.10 am Open University.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.05 Your Midweek Record requests: Weber, Beethoven, Kalmikoff. 8.00 News. 8.05 Your Midweek Choice (continued). Gruffy (monot). Correll. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. 9.00 News. 9.05 The Week's Highlights; records. 10.00 News. 10.05 Concert: Haydn, Weber, Bartok.

Radio 1

11.10 Apollo 9. Benquet Chamber music. 12.05 Stabat and Sallin BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra. 1.00 News. 1.05 Concert: Hall Two Piano recital: Ravel, Rachmaninov. 2.00 Music Weekly. 2.50 French Songs recital: Malm. 3.30 Stuttgart Chamber Orchestra. 4.00 News. 4.05 Concert: Evans from Wakefield Cathedral. 4.55 News. 5.00 Mr Slater in Prison. 5.10 News. 5.15 Mind and Culture. Professor Edward Wilson argues his theory in which genetic heritage and cultural behaviour are inextricably linked with three eminent academics. Chaired by John Mollard. 8.00 Music of Eight Decades. Concert direct from the Royal Festival Hall. Part 1. 8.15 The Living Poet. Edward Thomas. 8.25 News. 8.30 Mr Slater in Prison. Short story by Leonardo Sciascia. 10.30 The Apotheosis of Lully. François Couperin; record. 11.00 News. 11.05 British Conductors Granger. 11.15 News. 11.20 Open University. 11.55 France. The Nation State. 6.25-6.35 Television and Radio. 11.40 Individual Differences. 12.00 Botswana: School and Development. 12.05 Positive and the Micro. 12.40-1.00 Hume's "Enquiry".

Radio 2

6.00 Night Page. 7.30 Ray Moore. 10.00 Jimmy Young. 11.00 Gloria Hunniford. 11.30 News. 11.35 David Hamilton. 5.45 News and Sport. 6.00 John Dunn. 6.00 Alan Dell. 6.30 Songs from the Heart. 6.40 Tom Mennard. 10.15 Cider. 10.30 Hubert. 10.45 News. 10.50 Hubert.

Radio 1

5.00 As Radio 2. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Paul Burnett. 12.30 Frank Partington with Newsbeat. 2.00 Steve Wright. 3.00 Peter Powell. 7.00 Radio 1 Mailing with Anne Nightingale. 8.00 David Jensen. 10.00 John Peel. 12.00 midnight Close. VHF Radio 1 and 2. 5.00 With Radio 2. 10.00 With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00 With Radio 2.

World Service

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Frank Johnson in the Commons

Jenkins rolls a jowl at the Falklands

Still no sign of the eventual outcome in the South Atlantic, but there was some movement yesterday on the home front. It took the form of Mr Roy Jenkins.

The movement was initially confined to those rather distinguished jowls of his. They began to roll about the moment Mrs Thatcher arrived for Prime Minister's question time. While she answered other Members, the rest of Mr Jenkins began to move importantly in his seat below the gangway facing her.

He consulted some notes. He advanced to the edge of his seat with some deliberation. It was clear that he was going to put a question. This was in itself an event of a certain significance. Nothing had ever been heard from him in this crisis. Since it arose, he had all but disappeared from the public gaze.

This absence was all the more marked because in the days immediately before the Argentine action he was the subject of all our attention. He had won Hillhead. He had taken his seat. He has put a notably incompressible, but no doubt distinguished, maiden question to the Prime Minister about micro-chips. All things seemed possible for him. But within days Dr David Owen had seized the SDP controls and was roaring away on the subject of submarines, frigates, and vertical take-off.

Dr Owen is at home with such matters. Mr Jenkins is not. Like Switzerland, he is prosperous, comfortable, civilized and almost entirely landlocked. His only previous contact with the high seas has been in various good fish restaurants.

Registered as a statesman

Instead of the vertical, he prefers the horizontal take-off. The unburied rise to a shopping precinct after an afternoon nap at a by-election.

In addition to all these qualifications for the times in which we at present live, one suspects that he is almost certainly a Carringtonian at heart: a man of the world who believes that the Falklands

are a far away country of which we now know too much. So it is an appalling situation in which he finds himself so soon after his triumphant return. None the less, being officially registered as a statesman, he just had to put up a show sooner or later. So yesterday he rose.

There was a murmur of expectation on both sides of the House, much of it slightly ironic. They all knew that Mr Jenkins was not really the man for the hour.

Darting fish-like movement

"Will the Right Hon Lady, in view of the strong all-party support which the Government has rightly received during the past two-and-a-half weeks," he began, "hear in mind that she will be expected to take future, I hope and believe, untroubled decisions..."

At this point, as well as the statesman's emphasis on the word "untroubled", he made one of the two famous hand movements he deploys to illustrate anything. One is a turn of the wrist with half-closed palm as if he is unscrewing a light bulb. The other is a darting, fish-like movement of the whole hand. Yesterday we got the darting, fish-like movement. "...untroubled decisions in an equally non-party way. This demands more than merely asking the Paymaster General (Mr Cecil Parkinson), who is chairman of the Conservative Party, to a meeting of senior ministers last night. Will she seriously consider the proposal made by the hon Member for Cardiff?"

Whereupon, he sat down. And that was his grand design? Apparently so. Research revealed that Mr Jenkins was referring to Mr Howells the Liberal Member from Cardigan. His proposal? All-party consultations, apparently. That, then, was the Jenkins strategy to deal with Galtieri: tea at number ten. "I must confess, I had expected a more fundamental point from the Right Hon Gentleman," Mrs Thatcher told him.

But we still do not know Mrs Thatcher's intentions. In a few days, the Jenkins All-Party Tea Force may look the less risky plan. By then it may be too late.



Against a background of Sea Harriers and Sea King helicopters, Royal Marines line up at dawn for a weapons check on board HMS Hermes.

Naval force 'heads for S Georgia' but Whitehall stays silent

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Mr David Crouch and Sir William van Straubenzee seemed to have been among the very few who were anxious about the possible use of force. The majority of those who spoke were said to have sounded impatient at the delayed arrival of the task force in the South Atlantic and at the continued diplomatic activity.

None the less, the party as a whole is strongly in support. For the time being, of the Government's policy of seeking a diplomatic solution with the naval task force to strengthen their hand.

Potential differences among Conservative MPs emerged in broadcast interviews yesterday. Mr Edward du Cann, chairman of the

backbench 1922 committee, said on ITN's News at One programme that the Argentine proposals marked the beginning rather than the end of the negotiations. "We should go on negotiating through every means open to us."

□ Boston Globe report that the Royal Navy's Falklands task force had split, with a detachment of two aircraft carriers, fast destroyers and several troopships heading towards South Georgia, was received non-committally in Whitehall yesterday. But it was not denied. (Henry Stanhope writes).

There has been consistent speculation that the task force would first try to recapture South Georgia from the hand of Argentinians.

one soldiers stationed there, so that it might then be used as a forward operating base for an assault on the Falklands. It would also tighten the pressure on the Buenos Aires Government.

But it is unlikely that the grouping heading for the isolated dependency would be as large and as powerful as the Boston Globe report suggested.

Britain could accelerate the pace of things by sending frigates and anti-aircraft destroyers ahead to join the submarines in the Falklands area within the next 48 hours, it is learnt authoritatively. But the Government is clearly content for the time being to apply the pressure gently while allowing time for a political settlement.

Widespread criticism of junta's refusal to involve politicians

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steadfastly support the invasion of the islands and are prepared to go to war to retain them.

But there is widespread criticism of the junta's refusal to involve the politicians. The British Prime Minister, the leader of the Radical Party said: "Many confusing and contradictory versions are going around, and politicians know only what they read in the papers. If the junta want us to step-up support for the reconquest of the Malvinas (Falklands) they have got to let us know the real state of negotiations."

It appears that the military leaders told Mr Alexander Haig, the American secretary of State, that a final decision would have to be reached by December 31 and

that they wanted some kind of assurance that they could expect a favourable outcome.

While the politicians were being briefed today, the cabinet was meeting to discuss the reaction of Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the British Prime Minister, to the junta's offer to take the central question of sovereignty over the Falkland Islands to the United Nations.

Reports in several Argentine newspapers said today that Mr Haig told the junta that they might not go far enough to satisfy the British government. "If they are turned down there will be war", he is reported as saying. Senior Nicanor Costa Mendez, the Foreign Minister, is said to have replied: "If there is,

your country will be responsible."

Senior Mendez went to Casa Rosada this afternoon for consultation with General Galtieri and there was some suggestion tonight that he might travel to Washington, but the Foreign Ministry refused to comment.

'Nixon drunk' denial

New York. — Dr Henry Kissinger, the former Secretary of State, has denied that President Nixon was ever drunk while facing crucial decisions. Speaking in a television programme, he rebutted allegations in the May issue of Atlantic magazine that Mr Nixon was frequently drunk at critical times.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements
The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, Nuffield Farming Scholarship Trust, attends selection committee for United Kingdom Scholars, Nuffield College, Regent's Park, London, 11.45.
The Duke of Kent visits 27th Annual International Gas Turbine Conference and Exhibition, Wembley Conference Centre and Arena, 3.15.

Exhibitions in progress
Sculptures by Oscar Nemon, Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

Mon to Sat 10 to 4, Sun 2 to 4; (until May 23).
Prints by Ying Yung Li, paintings by Julie Cheng and Folk Art of West Bengal, Abbot Hall Art Gallery, Kendal, Cumbria; Mon to Fri 10.30 to 5.30, Sat and Sun 2 to 5; (until May 21).

The Dark Hills, the Heavy Clouds, paintings and drawings of Wales, National Museum of Wales, Cathays Park, Cardiff; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 5; (until May 23).

Drawings, watercolours and graphic work by Oskar Kokoschka, Graves Art Gallery, Surrey Street, Sheffield; Mon to

Sat 10 to 8, Sun 2 to 5; (until May 21).
Paintings and drawings by Robin Bowdler, Townley Hall Art Gallery and Museum, Ebury, London; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sat 12 to 5, closed Sat, (until May 9).

An Alternative Art, exhibition of American primitive painting, Museum and Art Gallery, Worthing; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, (until May 11).

Drawings and prints by Stephanie Fryer, Museum Art Gallery, The Green, Stafford; Tues to Sat 10 to 5, (until May 8).

Talks, lectures
Acupuncture, by Dr Michael Cohen, Roundshaw Library, Mollison Drive, Roundshaw, Wellingborough, 8.15.
Medieval Stained Windows, illustrated talk by Patricia Bourke, Usher Gallery, Lincoln, 7.30.

Music
Dorset County Museum Music Society Concert, Dorset County Museum, Dorchester, 8.15.
Concert by Bristol Sinfonia, Colston Hall, Colston Street, Bristol, 7.30.
Concert by St John's Square Orchestra, Hexagon, Reading, 7.30.
Concert by Scottish Chamber Orchestra, Queens Hall, Clerk Street, Edinburgh, 7.45.
Recital by Marisa Robles and Christopher Hyde-Smith, Aberdeen Art Gallery, Aberdeen, 7.30.
Handels and Mendelssohn Choir and Lancashire Chamber Orchestra, St Anne's Church, Manchester, 7.30.

Sporting fixtures

Football: First Division West Bromwich Albion v Manchester City (7.30). One third division and two fourth division matches.
Racing: Flat at Epsom (2) and Ripon (2.45). NH at Cheltenham (2).
Tennis: British hard court championships, Bournemouth. Cricket: Cambridge University v Glamorgan (11.30 to 6.30).

Anniversaries

Births: Catherine the Great, Empress of Russia, Stetin, 1729; Friedrich Froebel, German educationist, Ober Wiesbach, Germany, 1782; Charlotte Brontë, Thornton, Yorks, 1816; Henry VII died at Richmond, Surrey, 1509; Mark Twain died at Reading, Conn, USA, 1910.

Marathon party

After the London Marathon on May 9, the whole of the covered market area at Covent Garden is to be taken over for an evening jamboree following the presentation of the marathon prizes under the portico of St Paul's Church. There will be buskers and jazz bands, still walkers, Disney characters and a fairground. Six thousand tickets at £2 each are now on sale in aid of the Greater London Fund for the Blind, and are obtainable from the London Tourist Information Centre at Victoria Station (01-730 0791) or from County Hall (01-633 1633 or 633 1723).

Queen's birthday

The Queen was born on April 21, 1926, at 17 Bruton Street, London. There will be a 41 gun salute by the King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, in Hyde Park opposite the Dardanelles, at 12; and a 62 gun salute by the Honourable Artillery Company, Tower Wharf, EC3, at 1.

Roads

London and the South-east: M1: Epsom and junction 13 (Bedford A5140) closed; minor repairs between junctions 12 and 13. A281: Temporary signals at junction 5 of Horsham. A12: Ours: They fold together like

Midlands: A625: Closed at Mam Tor, Derbyshire, diversion. A5: Single line traffic and temporary signals N of Newcastle. A46: Temporary signals near junction 16 of M1; also between Wellingborough and Little Ilchester, Northamptonshire.

North: A1000 and A660: Lane closures N of Scotch Corner to junction with A65, and on A660(M), N Yorkshire. All: Roadworks at Barnsdale, East Redhouse, S Yorkshire, long delays. A6120: Roadworks on Leeds outer ring road at Westwood Lane junction. A449: Roadworks N of Whitehill Farm on Caerleon Mounmouth road. A4042: Roadworks near Croesy Roadworks from Cradock and Pontypool. A303: Lane closures at Amesbury, Wiltshire. Scotland: A93: Temporary signals on Dundee Road, Perth. M90: Single lane northbound at junction 3 (Cowdenbeath); lane closures both ways at junction 2 (A923, Dunfermline). M9: Lane closures from Craigie Road (junction 10) to Dumbarton Road.

Postnotes

From today, postnotes — prepaid letters for mailing anywhere in the United Kingdom — will replace the old letter cards. They fold together like overseas aerogrammes, but are made of stronger, better quality paper.

Available from post offices at 21p each of £1 for five, they will be treated as first class mail value printed on them. This means they can still be used after any future rise in postal charges without additional payment.

The pound

	Bank	Bank
	Burg	Sells
Australia \$	1.75	1.67
Belgium Fr	31.40	29.40
Denmark Kr	16.20	15.20
France Fr	11.48	10.88
Germany DM	4.44	4.13
Greece Dr	116.20	108.00
Italy Lit	2385.00	2285.00
Japan Yen	458.00	432.00
Netherlands Gld	4.50	4.64
Norway Kr	11.22	10.62
Portugal Esc	10.20	125.00
South Africa Rd	3.70	2.94
Spain Ptas	191.00	182.00
Sweden Kr	10.96	10.38
Switzerland Fr	3.62	3.40
USA \$	1.82	1.75

London. The FT index closed up 4.5 at 382.6.

TV top ten

National top ten television programmes in the week ending April 11:

- | Rank | Programme | Channel |
|------|--|---------|
| 1 | Coronation Street (Wed) | ITV |
| 2 | Granada (18.30m) | |
| 3 | Thames (18.20m) | |
| 4 | Coronation Street (Mon) | |
| 5 | Minder, Thames (15m) | |
| 6 | 3-2-1, Yorkshire (13.30m) | |
| 7 | Give Us A Cue, Thames (13.35m) | |
| 8 | Where There's Life... York-shire (12.85m) | |
| 9 | Family Fortunes, Central (12.85m) | |
| 10 | Crossroads (Tues) Central (12.00m) | |
| 11 | Crossroads (Wed) (12.45m) | |
| 12 | BBC 1 | |
| 13 | News and Sport (Sat) | |
| 14 | Dallas (13.25m) | |
| 15 | Open All Hours (12.45m) | |
| 16 | World Superstars '82 (12.20m) | |
| 17 | Top of the Pops (12.05m) | |
| 18 | The Kenny Everett Television Show (11.17m) | |
| 19 | Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (11.55m) | |
| 20 | A Whale For The Killing (11.50m) | |
| 21 | Seven Years of Parkinson (11.35m) | |
| 22 | The Scarlet Buccaneer (10.20m) | |
| 23 | BBC 2 | |
| 24 | Pol Star '82 (9.55m) | |
| 25 | Mart Caine (6.15m) | |
| 26 | Nancy Astor (Wed and Sun (5.75m) | |
| 27 | Des O'Connor Tonight (5.75m) | |
| 28 | The Mike Harding Show (5.20m) | |
| 29 | The Treasure of Sierra Madre (4.70m) | |
| 30 | The Candidate (4.70m) | |
| 31 | Heart Transplant (4.50m) | |
| 32 | The Wellfords (4m) | |
| 33 | Call My Bluff (4m) | |

Broadcasters Audience Research Board.

The papers

Argentina has moved a fair bit since the first heavy days of occupation, says the Daily Mirror, but it must still move a lot more.

Morning Telegraph, Sheffield urges the Government to complete the blockade of the Falklands by declaring an air exclusion zone, which could only be interpreted as a defensive act in accordance with the UN.

The Washington Post yesterday said if Argentina has made further United States mediation less, then the Reagan Administration should now support Britain.

The Figaro yesterday said the lesson to be drawn from this crisis is how easily an armed conflict can arise and grow in a world of shrinking distances.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on Government's White Paper on expenditure plans.
Lords (2.30): Debate on the consequences of privatising publicly owned companies.

Weather forecast

A weak trough will move into W Scotland and N Ireland.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, Central S and SW England, E Anglia, Midlands, Channel Islands, S Wales: Dry, variable cloud, sunny intervals; wind variable, light; max temp 15 to 17C (59 to 63F).
E, NW, Central N and NE England, N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man: Dry, sunny periods; wind variable or W, light; max temp 15 to 17C (59 to 63F).
Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen: Mostly dry, bright or sunny periods; becoming cloudier later; wind W, light to moderate; max temp 12 to 14C (54 to 57F).
SW, NE and NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, N Ireland: Bright or sunny to start, becoming cloudier with rain at times, clearing later; wind SW, moderate to fresh; max temp 10 to 13C (50 to 55F).
Orkney, Shetland: Bright or sunny at first, becoming cloudier with rain; wind SW, moderate to fresh; max temp 7 to 9C (45 to 48F).
Mostly dry for tomorrow and Friday; cloudier in the far north. Rather warm.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover, English Channel: Wind NW moderate, good; sea slight. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind W, moderate; sea slight.

Sun rises: 5.53 am. Sun sets: 8.07 pm.
Moon rises: 5.22 am. Moon sets: 4.59 pm.
New moon: April 23.

Lighting-up time

TODAY
London 8.37 pm to 5.21 am
Bristol 8.40 pm to 5.24 am
Manchester 8.50 pm to 5.24 am
Preston 8.55 pm to 5.46 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, far; s, sun.
Belfast: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 12.54
Birmingham: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Bristol: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Cardiff: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Edinburgh: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Exeter: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Glasgow: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Liverpool: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
London: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Manchester: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Newcastle: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Nottingham: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Oxford: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Preston: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Reading: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Sheffield: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Southampton: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Stoke: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Sunderland: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Telford: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Thames: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Tottenham: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Warrington: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Wigan: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Wolverhampton: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Wrexham: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52

Highest and lowest

Highest day temp: Linton on Ouse 18C (64F).
Lowest day temp: Aldeburgh 6C (43F). Highest night temp: Linton 0.11C (32F).
Glasgow 12.9C.

London

Temp: max 7 am to 7 pm, 17C (63F); min 7 pm to 7 am, 8C (46F). Humidity: 7 pm, 52 per cent. Rain: 24 to 7 pm, 0.1 in. Bar: mean sea level, 7 pm, 1021.4 millibars, steady.
1,000 metres = 3,280 ft.

Abroad

NOAA; c, cloud; f, far; s, sun.

Algeria: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Argentina: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Australia: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Austria: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Belgium: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Brazil: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Canada: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Chile: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
China: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Colombia: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Czechoslovakia: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Denmark: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Ecuador: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Egypt: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Finland: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
France: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Germany: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Ghana: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Greece: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Guatemala: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Honduras: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Hungary: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
India: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Indonesia: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Iran: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Iraq: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Israel: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Italy: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Japan: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Kenya: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Korea: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Kuwait: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Laos: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Lebanon: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Lithuania: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Luxembourg: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Malaysia: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Maldives: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Mali: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Malta: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Mauritania: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Mauritius: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Mexico: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Morocco: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Myanmar: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Netherlands: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
New Zealand: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Nicaragua: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Nigeria: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Norway: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Oman: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Pakistan: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Panama: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Paraguay: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Peru: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Philippines: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Poland: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Portugal: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Puerto Rico: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Romania: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Russia: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Saudi Arabia: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Senegal: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Sierra Leone: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Singapore: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Slovakia: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Slovenia: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
South Africa: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Spain: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Sri Lanka: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Sweden: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Switzerland: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Taiwan: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Tanzania: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Thailand: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Togo: c 10.60, f 10.60, s 11.52
Tonga: c 10.60, f 10.60